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OF
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of the

118th LEGISLATURE

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FOREWORD

The **History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents** includes a summary of the Legislature's action on all legislative documents considered during the Second Regular and Second Special Sessions of the 118th Legislature. The Second Regular Session, which convened on January 7, 1998, adjourned on March 31, 1998, and the Second Special Session convened on April 1, 1998 and was adjourned sine die on April 9, 1998.

Bills passed during the Second Regular Session:

Public Laws	Chapters 563 - 717
Private and Special Laws	Chapters 59 - 81
Resolves	Chapters 86 - 116

Bills passed during the Second Special Session:

Public Laws	Chapters 718 - 796
Private and Special Laws	Chapters 82 - 94
Resolves	Chapters 117 - 129

Pursuant to HP 1672, all matters in the possession of the Legislature at the time of adjournment of the Second Regular Session were held over to the next special session of the 118th Legislature.

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The primary listing of legislative documents in this volume is organized by the joint standing committee to which bills were referred in the Second Regular and Second Special Sessions. Although the majority of bills and resolves were introduced during the Second Regular Session, many were not finally acted on until the Second Special Session. This volume, therefore, has combined the work of the two sessions; thus, there is a single section for each committee. The following information is included for each legislative document:

- * Legislative document number
- * House or Senate paper number
- * Sponsor and cosponsors
- * Public hearing date
- * Committee report
- * Amendments adopted in the House and Senate
- * Final disposition of the legislative document

A list of the Legislature's Joint Standing Committees and their jurisdictions follows this Foreword.

Following the listing by committee is a series of indexes which are designed to assist the user in finding the bill or subject needed. The **Table of Contents** includes a list of these indexes.

The **Subject Index** uses terms to describe the scope and topics of the bill and its amendments. Most bills are indexed under more than one subject, and cross references are designed to assist the user in finding the subject. Appropriations bills are indexed showing the part and section where the subject can be found within the legislative document. Other bills with a funding section are also indexed under the "Appropriations" heading. In cases where an amendment introduced a new topic, a subject entry appears for that topic whether or not the amendment is adopted. If an amendment deletes a topic from a bill, the subject is left in the index as part of the history of the bill; thus the Subject Index indexes all legislative documents in any form in which they have been considered.

The History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents is a summary report only and does not replace the official Senate and House journals or the actual legislative documents. If more detailed information about the status of bills or their contents is desired, please contact:

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Committee Subject Areas

Following is a brief description of topics generally referred to each committee:

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Department of Agriculture; agricultural marketing; animal welfare; food inspection; dairy industry; pesticides regulation; soil and water conservation; farmland preservation; harness racing; public access to lands; forest practices; fire control and forest management, marketing and utilization; Department of Conservation, including state parks, memorials and historic sites, public lands and coastal islands registry, Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC); Baxter State Park Authority and geological surveying and mapping.

Appropriations and Financial Affairs. General Fund budget; federal funds allocations; special revenue and block grant allocations; Rainy Day Fund; unappropriated surplus; bond issues; collective bargaining funding; review of revenue estimates; performance-based and zero-based budgeting; general fiscal policy; and financial evaluation of agencies of State Government.

Banking and Insurance. Banking; financial institutions; credit unions; consumer credit; Uniform Consumer Credit Code; Bureau of Banking; Officer of Consumer Credit Regulation; securities; Bureau of Insurance; credit, automobile, life, property and casualty insurance; health insurance; health maintenance organizations; mandated health benefits; insurance rating, regulation and practices; agents and brokers; licensing; Maine Employers Mutual Insurance Company; self-insurance; and workers' compensation.

Business and Economic Development. Corporations; business practices (auto and fuel sales); professional and occupational licensing; retail pricing; franchising; advertising; returnable containers; real estate; insulation; credit law (business related); consumer protection; Maine State Housing Authority; affordable housing; homelessness; Finance Authority of Maine (FAME); economic planning and development agencies; venture capital and trade programs; opportunity zones; import competition; product marketing; public services; technology transfers (Maine Science and Technology Foundation); tourism; and defense facility conversion.

Criminal Justice. Criminal law; law enforcement; Department of Public Safety; Criminal Justice Academy; victims' rights; corrections system; intensive supervision; probation and parole; county jails; adult and juvenile corrections; community corrections; Criminal Justice Commission; Department of Corrections; operating under the influence; fire safety and arson; firearms; private investigators; and security guards.

Education and Cultural Affairs. State Board and Department of Education; University of Maine System; Maine Technical College System; elementary and secondary schools; teachers; vocational and special education; State Library and Museum; curriculum, including gifted and talented programs; and school funding, including the funding of educational services at the Maine Youth Center.

Fisheries and Wildlife. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; hunting; fishing; trapping; recreational and hunter safety; fisheries and wildlife research; fish hatcheries; wardens; licensing; ATVs; snowmobiles; boat registration; and white water rafting.

Health and Human Services. Department of Human Services and Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; public health and disease control; smoking; medical (hospitals, health care); social and rehabilitation services; substance abuse; mental health; public assistance; nursing and boarding homes; and elderly and aging.

Judiciary. Courts; civil and property law; probate; family law; guardianship; child support; adoptions; legal services; trustees; attorneys; errors and inconsistencies in laws; judges; Attorney General; Uniform Commercial Code; human rights; civil rights; Indian land claims; and child protection.

Labor. Wage and hour laws; employment security; job service; unemployment compensation; workers' compensation; labor relations; collective bargaining; workers' health and safety; job training; retirement eligibility and benefits for state and municipal employees, including teachers; and judicial and legislative retirement systems.

Legal and Veterans Affairs. Claims against the State; liquor; lottery; gambling; games of chance (beano, fairs, raffles, machines); off-track betting; nonprofit corporations; elections; campaign financing; voter registration; governmental ethics; lobbyist registration; landlord-tenant; veterans' programs; Department of Defense and Veterans Services; sale and furnishing of cigarettes to minors; and National Guard.

Marine Resources. Department of Marine Resources; commercial marine fisheries management, licensing and enforcement; processing and sale of marine fish and shellfish; aquaculture; and anadromous fish.

Natural Resources. Air and water quality; natural resource protection; site location, shoreland zoning, subdivisions, and growth management; management and disposal of solid, hazardous, biomedical and special wastes; hydropower and dams; energy facility siting; waste-to-energy facilities; mining; and general environmental policy, including oversight of the Department of Environmental Protection.

State and Local Government. State contracts and fiscal procedures; state government organization; oversight of state officials; state personnel and property; administrative procedures; boards and commissions; capitol area planning; constitutional amendments; county and regional government; Legislature; and municipal and local government.

Taxation. Bureau of Taxation; taxes; tax exemptions and credits; Maine Residents Property Tax Program; property valuation and assessment; tax increment financing; municipal revenue sharing; and unorganized territories and tree growth tax issues.

Transportation. Department of Transportation; Maine Turnpike Authority; Highway Fund; transportation policy; aeronautics; highway and bridge construction and maintenance; highway safety; waterways; railroads; and motor vehicles.

Utilities and Energy. Public Utilities Commission; Public Advocate; regulated public utilities (electric, gas, water and telephone); electric industry restructuring; telecommunications; cable television; water, sewer and utility district charters; nonutility power generation (power purchase contracts); energy efficiency and conservation; alternate energy sources; nuclear power; energy policy; and energy production and transmission.

Legislative Terms and Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this book:

HP	House Paper
SP	Senate Paper
LD	Legislative Document
OTP	Ought to Pass
OTP-AM	Ought to Pass as Amended
OTP-ND	Ought to Pass/New Draft
ONTP	Ought Not to Pass *
CC/CA	Conference Committee, Amendment A
P & S Laws	Private and Special Laws

*** Note:**

The Joint Rules of the 118th Legislature provide that if a Committee unanimously votes "Ought Not to Pass" on any bill, there is no further consideration of the bill by the Legislature. Once this vote has been taken, the committee notifies the presiding officers and the bill's sponsor and cosponsors, and this notification appears as a communication on both the Senate and House calendars. The bill is then placed in the legislative files.

BILLS ACTED UPON WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A COMMITTEE

LD 2065 SP0758

An Act Relating to the State Valuation of the Town of Wiscasset. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln; Cosponsored by Representative RINES of Wiscasset. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 02/02/98.

LD 2162 HP1535

Resolve, to Authorize the Maine State Museum to Purchase Historic Maine Artifacts. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, KONTOS of Windham, SAXL of Portland, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, KIEFFER of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland. Engrossed Without Reference 01/26/98. **Amended by:** SA S-447. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 01/29/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 86.

LD 2178 HP1549

An Act to Meet Maine National Guard Payrolls Related to the Ice Storms of 1998. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 148.) Engrossed Without Reference 01/28/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 01/29/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 564.

LD 2179 HP1550

An Act Concerning Disaster Assistance in 1998. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 148.) Engrossed Without Reference 01/28/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 01/29/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 563.

LD 2273 HP1640

An Act to Amend the Animal Welfare Laws. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 456, section 21.) Engrossed Without Reference 03/24/98. OTP Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** SA S-567. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 690.

LD 2276 SP0860

An Act to Provide Funding for Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services Personnel. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 859.) Engrossed Without Reference 04/07/98. OTP Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** SA S-745. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/17/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 94.

BILLS ACTED UPON WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A COMMITTEE (Cont.)

LD 2277 HP1647

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Majority of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy Arising from Its Government Evaluation Act Review of the Office of the Public Advocate. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.) Majority OTP Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** HA H-963, SB S-613. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/07/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 719.

LD 2278 HP1648

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Minority of the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy Arising from its Government Evaluation Act Review of the Office of the Public Advocate. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.). **Final Disposition:** See LD 2277 Majority (OTP) Report.

LD 2283 HP1651

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Opportunities. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1644.) Engrossed Without Reference 04/07/98. OTP Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** SA S-746. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 86.

LD 2284 HP1654

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Relating to the Review of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources under the State Government Evaluation Act. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.) **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/01/98.

LD 2285 HP1655

An Act Relating to Electric Industry Restructuring. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 316, section 12.) OTP Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** SA S-617. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 691.

LD 2286 HP1657

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Majority of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Regarding Enhancing Forest Resource Assessment. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1646.) Engrossed Without Reference 04/01/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/07/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 720.

BILLS ACTED UPON WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A COMMITTEE (Cont.)

LD 2287 HP1658

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of a Minority of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Regarding Enhancing Forest Resource Assessment. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1646.)

Final Disposition: See LD 2286 (OTP) Report A.

LD 2288 HP1661

An Act Regarding Telecommunications Regulation. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 276, section 6.) Engrossed Without Reference 03/25/98. OTP Accepted 03/25/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 692.

LD 2289 HP1665

An Act to Make Certain Changes in the Educational Law. **Presented by** Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk; Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Dixfield, CARLETON of Wells, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FISK of Falmouth, FOSTER of Gray, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, USHER of Westbrook, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock. OTP-ND Accepted 03/26/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 696.

LD 2290 HP1667

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Kennebec County for the Year 1998. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1570.) Engrossed Without Reference 03/30/98. Majority OTP Accepted 03/30/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/02/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 108.

LD 2291 HP1668

Resolve, for Laying of the County Taxes and Authorizing Expenditures of Androscoggin County for the Year 1998. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1570.) Engrossed Without Reference 03/30/98. Majority OTP Accepted 03/30/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/02/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 109.

LD 2292 HP1669

An Act to Revise the Salaries of Certain County Officers. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to H.P. 1570.) Engrossed Without Reference 03/30/98. Majority OTP Accepted 03/30/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/07/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 721.

BILLS ACTED UPON WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A COMMITTEE (Cont.)

LD 2293 HP1670

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Pursuant to Their Review under the Government Evaluation Act. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.) Majority OTP Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** SB S-747. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 796.

LD 2294 HP1673

Resolve, Regarding Payments to Legislators During a Special Session of the 118th Legislature. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro. **Final Disposition:** Emer Final Passage Failed.

LD 2295 HP1675

An Act to Improve the Delivery of Mental Health Services to Children. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1625.) Engrossed Without Reference 04/07/98. OTP Accepted 04/01/98. **Amended by:** SA S-748. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 790.

LD 2296 HP1678

An Act Concerning Legislative Review of Rules Adopted under the Maine Clean Election Act. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative TUTTLE of Sanford; Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Wallagrass, CAMPBELL of Holden, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland, TRUE of Fryeburg. House: Adhere to Reference 04/02/98; Senate: Insist on Engrossment 04/07/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/08/98.

LD 2297 HP1679

An Act Relating to the Taxation of Certain Federal Entities, the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program, the Administration of the Tax Laws and to Make a Technical Correction. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 148.) Engrossed Without Reference 04/02/98. OTP Accepted 04/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/10/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 729.

LD 2298 HP1681

Resolve, to Create a Task Force to Study Telecommunications Taxation. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Order H.P. 1659.) Engrossed Without Reference 04/07/98. OTP Accepted 04/07/98. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/14/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 121.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

LD 289 HP0225

Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study Maine Forest Practices. **Presented by** Representative DEXTER of Kingfield; Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington and Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, CLUKEY of Houlton, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, PAUL of Sanford, PINKHAM of Lamoine, VIGUE of Winslow, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/25/98.

LD 968 HP0704

An Act to Require Recommended Silvicultural Stocking Standards on Land Ownerships Enrolled under the Tree Growth Tax Laws. **Presented by** Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin; Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BAKER of Bangor, CHARTRAND of Rockland, McKEE of Wayne, SIROIS of Caribou, SKOGLUND of St. George, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1200 HP0883

An Act to Reform the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. **Presented by** Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin; Cosponsored by Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, COLWELL of Gardiner, JONES of Bar Harbor, SKOGLUND of St. George, Senator RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/26/98.

LD 1232 SP0373

An Act to Provide Relief from Barking Dogs. **Presented by** Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 03/27/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1311 HP0948

An Act to Prohibit Clear-cutting. **Presented by** Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin; Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 1395 HP1003

Resolve, to Establish the Maine Council on Sustainable Silviculture. **Presented by** Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin; Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, Senator RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/25/98.

LD 1405 HP1013

Original Title: An Act to License Timber Harvesters and Deter Timber Trespassing. **New Title:** An Act to Strengthen Laws Regarding Timber Theft and Timber Harvesting. **Presented by** Representative DESMOND of Mapleton; Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-951, HA/CA H-1076, SA/CA S-571. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 648.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY (Cont.)

LD 1430 SP0456

An Act to Regulate Professional Loggers. **Presented by** Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln; Cosponsored by Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1465 HP1048

An Act to Limit Liquidation Harvesting. **Presented by** Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham; Cosponsored by Representatives: SAMSON of Jay, SIROIS of Caribou, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1473 SP0471

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Forest Practices. **Presented by** Senator CASSIDY of Washington; Cosponsored by Representative BARTH of Bethel and Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, CAREY of Kennebec, KIEFFER of Aroostook, KILKELLY of Lincoln, Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CAMPBELL of Holden, GOOLEY of Farmington, LANE of Enfield. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 1518 HP1081

Resolve, to Establish the Maine Forest Policy Round Table Study Commission. **Presented by** Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin; Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GAGNE of Buckfield, JONES of Bar Harbor, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Bangor, SHIAH of Bowdoinham. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/24/98.

LD 1746 SP0583

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Development and Centralized Listing of Municipal Ordinances That Apply to Forest Practices. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln; Cosponsored by Representative GREEN of Monmouth and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CASSIDY of Washington, MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, CAMERON of Rumford, MERES of Norridgewock, SAVAGE of Union. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 1766 HP1246

An Act to Improve Management of Maine's Forests. **Presented by** Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/26/98.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY (Cont.)

LD 1852 SP0635

An Act to Reorganize and Clarify the Laws Relating to the Establishment, Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Parks and Lands. (Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln; Cosponsored by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township and Senator CASSIDY of Washington, Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DEXTER of Kingfield, SHIAH of Bowdoinham. **Public Hearing** 05/13/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA S-501, SA S-551. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 678.

LD 1874 SP0653

Original Title: An Act to Establish Limitations on Swine-feeding Operations. **New Title:** An Act Regarding Nutrient Management. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator PARADIS of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 05/21/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-604. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/31/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 642.

LD 1907 SP0682

An Act Regarding Short-rotation Tree Fiber Farming and Genetically Engineered Trees. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator FERGUSON of Oxford. **No Public Hearing.** **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1942 HP1389

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of Certain State Park Property. (Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative WINSOR of Norway; Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. **Public Hearing** 01/13/98. OTP Accepted 02/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 02/18/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 87.

LD 2004 HP1440

An Act to Ensure Long-term Funding of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station Research Farms Connected with Land Grant Colleges. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative GREEN of Monmouth; Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DEXTER of Kingfield, FULLER of Manchester, McKEE of Wayne, SPEAR of Nobleboro, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-929, HA/CA H-1029, SA/CA S-605. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 711.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY (Cont.)

LD 2006 HP1442

An Act to Expand the Potato Licensing Laws to Include Rotation Crops. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative KNEELAND of Easton; Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Caribou, CLUKEY of Houlton, DESMOND of Mapleton, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator PARADIS of Aroostook.

Public Hearing 02/03/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/03/98. **Amended by:** CA H-817.

Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 03/18/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 606.

LD 2017 SP0739

An Act to Provide Access to Veterinary Education for Maine Students. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo; Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon and Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, DUNLAP of Old Town, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, PIEH of Bremen, PINKHAM of Lamoine, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public**

Hearing 02/03/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/23/98. **Amended by:** SA S-725. **Final**

Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 765.

LD 2020 SP0742

An Act to Honor Dairy Farmers' Right to Know. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator

LONGLEY of Waldo; Cosponsored by Representative CHICK of Lebanon and Representatives: BELANGER of Wallagrass, CAMERON of Rumford, CLUKEY of Houlton, DUNLAP of Old Town, PERRY of Bangor, PIEH of Bremen, TRUE of Fryeburg, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. **Final Disposition:**

Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 2069 SP0768

An Act to Improve Public Health Protection Against Rabies Infection. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator

PARADIS of Aroostook; Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BRENNAN of Portland, BUMPS of China, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, STANLEY of Medway. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:**

CA S-577. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 704.

LD 2172 SP0802

Original Title: An Act to Provide for the Licensing of Farmstead Cheese. **New Title:**

An Act to Provide for the Licensing, Inspection and Labeling of Farmstead Cheese. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by

Representative PIEH of Bremen and Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-500. **Final Disposition:** Enacted,

Signed 03/31/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 639.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY (Cont.)

LD 2194 HP1563

An Act to Change the Name of the Knox Agricultural Society. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Union. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP Accepted 03/05/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/18/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 66.

LD 2217 HP1586

An Act to Authorize the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Grant a License for Groundwater Extraction at Range Ponds State Park. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland; Cosponsored by Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FOSTER of Gray, GERRY of Auburn, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, PINKHAM of Brunswick, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. **Public Hearing** 03/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-903. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/31/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 641.

LD 2236 HP1609

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 501: Exemptions to Fire Bans and Permit Requirements for Outdoor Fireplaces and Grills, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Conservation. (Submitted by the Department of Conservation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **Public Hearing** 03/10/98. OTP Accepted 03/16/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 03/30/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 101.

LD 2254 HP1626

Resolve, Authorizing Certain Land Transactions by the Bureau of Parks and Lands. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative DEXTER of Kingfield; Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, MILLS of Somerset, PARADIS of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 03/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-969. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 03/30/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 102.

LD 2264 HP1634

An Act to Promote and Encourage the Cultivation of Cranberries in the State. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Presented by Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township; Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BELANGER of Wallagrass, DRISCOLL of Calais, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JONES of Bar Harbor, POULIN of Oakland, POVICH of Ellsworth, Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 03/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1006. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 93.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

LD 85 HP0060

Original Title: An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$3,000,000 for Reconstruction, Renovations and Safety Improvements at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. **New Title:** An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$8,000,000 for Reconstruction, Renovations and Safety Improvements at the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf. **Presented by** Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach; Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: KNEELAND of Easton, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, PENDLETON of Scarborough, RICHARD of Madison, WINSOR of Norway, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MILLS of Somerset, PENDLETON of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 04/15/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 537 HP0392

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 to Build 3 Regional Psychiatric Facilities. **Presented by** Representative BRENNAN of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, CAMERON of Rumford, KANE of Saco, O'NEIL of Saco, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TOWNSEND of Portland. **Public Hearing** 04/04/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 791 HP0600

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$5,000,000 to Aid in the Construction of the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service on the Campus of the University of Southern Maine. **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: KERR of Old Orchard Beach, KONTOS of Windham, SAXL of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 04/04/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 890 SP0282

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Reserve Fund. **Presented by** Senator BENNETT of Oxford; Cosponsored by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach and Senator FERGUSON of Oxford, Representatives: DONNELLY of Presque Isle, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, WINSOR of Norway. **Public Hearing** 04/02/97. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 04/01/98.

LD 1540 HP1097

An Act to Establish a State Disaster Relief Trust Fund. **Presented by** Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach; Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, ROWE of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland, TUTTLE of Sanford. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. House: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/09/98, Adhere to Engrossment 03/12/98; Senate: Minority ONTP Accepted 03/11/98, Adhere to Minority ONTP 03/13/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 03/13/98.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 1658 SP0539

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Implement a Statewide Economic Improvement Strategy. **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, JENKINS of Androscoggin, MacKINNON of York, RAND of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, RICHARD of Madison, VIGUE of Winslow. **Public Hearing** 04/15/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 1761 HP1241

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Make Necessary Improvements to the State House. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: KERR of Old Orchard Beach, KONTOS of Windham, Senators: LAWRENCE of York, PINGREE of Knox. **Public Hearing** 04/28/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/02/98.

LD 1810 SP0609

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$6,000,000 for Critical Marine Infrastructure and Technology Investments. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell and Senators: MacKINNON of York, PINGREE of Knox, Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle. **Public Hearing** 04/29/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 1811 SP0610

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 for Construction of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: MAYO of Bath, McALEVEY of Waterboro. **Public Hearing** 04/29/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 1812 SP0611

Original Title: An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$79,500,000 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Municipal and State Roads, State and Local Bridges, Airports, State Ferry Vessels and Terminals and Rail and Marine Facilities. **New Title:** An Act to Authorize Department of Transportation Bond Issues in the Amount of \$36,985,000 to Match Available Federal Funds for Improvements to Municipal and State Roads, Airports, State Ferry Vessels and Terminals, Transit Facilities and Equipment and Rail and Marine Facilities.

(GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator O'GARA of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative CLUKEY of Houlton and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: DRISCOLL of Calais, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MAYO of Bath, WINSOR of Norway. **Public Hearing** 04/29/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/17/98.

Amended by: CA (Changed Title) S-510. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/07/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 82.

LD 1829 SP0627

An Act to Change the State's Fiscal Year from July 1st to October 1st. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox; Cosponsored by Representative KONTOS of Windham and Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, LAWRENCE of York, MICHAUD of Penobscot, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 05/06/97. House: Majority ONTP Accepted 03/31/98, Adhere to Majority ONTP 04/03/98; Senate: Minority OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98, Insist on Engrossment 03/31/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/03/98.

LD 1840 HP1295

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$25,000,000 for Development of the East-West Highway. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Bangor. **Public Hearing** 05/06/97. House: Indefinitely Postponed 04/01/98; Senate: Majority ONTP Accepted 04/01/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 04/01/98.

LD 1911 HP1360

An Act to Fund Internet Access for Visually and Physically Impaired Persons.

(Submitted by the Maine State Library pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 1948 HP1394

An Act to Improve Management of Contracted Personnel Services Costs. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester; Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, BRENNAN of Portland, COWGER of Hallowell, MAYO of Bath, PERRY of Bangor, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/10/98. **Amended by:** CA H-845. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/24/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 618.

LD 1950 HP1397

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and Changes to Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach; Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 01/06/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/31/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1098, HE/CA H-1109, HG/CA H-1111. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 643.

LD 1958 SP0710

An Act to Reimburse Kennebec County for the Costs of County Jail Construction. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative POULIN of Oakland. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1965 SP0722

An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Interpreter Service for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York, Representatives: JONES of Greenville, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, THOMPSON of Naples, WATSON of Farmingdale. **Public Hearing** 02/25/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/12/98. **Amended by:** CA S-490. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/15/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 89.

LD 1970 HP1406

An Act to Protect and Maintain Opportunities for Students by Funding Jobs for Maine Graduates. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CAMPBELL of Holden, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, LAWRENCE of York, LIBBY of York. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 1995 HP1431

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Library Resource Sharing and for Acquisitions for the Maine State Library. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative COLWELL of Gardiner; Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: JABAR of Waterville, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, McKEE of Wayne, OTT of York, RICHARD of Madison, Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, PINGREE of Knox, SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/10/98. **Amended by:** CA H-844, SC/CA S-764. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/10/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 83.

LD 2000 HP1436

An Act to Appropriate Funds for Mental Retardation Day Services for Nonclass Members. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative TOWNSEND of Portland; Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Portland, PIEH of Bremen, POULIN of Oakland, ROWE of Portland, STEVENS of Orono. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2002 HP1438

An Act to Delay the Implementation of Performance Budgeting for State Government. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative OTT of York; Cosponsored by Representatives: KERR of Old Orchard Beach, KNEELAND of Easton, KONTOS of Windham, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1089. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 764.

LD 2012 SP0734

Original Title: An Act to Provide Funds to Solve Certain Problems Related to State Computers. **New Title:** An Act to Provide Funds for the Year 2000 Project. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative MacDOUGALL of North Berwick. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/01/98. **Amended by:** SA S-753. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 87.

LD 2023 SP0745

An Act to Restore Services to Maine's Elderly. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator PARADIS of Aroostook; Cosponsored by Representative LEMAIRE of Lewiston and Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, MADORE of Augusta, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/06/98. **Amended by:** CA S-479, SA/CA S-726. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 85.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2041 HP1450

An Act to Correct and Supplement Funding for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KNEELAND of Easton; Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and Representatives: O'NEAL of Limestone, AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Wallagrass, BELANGER of Caribou, CLUKEY of Houlton, DESMOND of Mapleton, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator PARADIS of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CA H-927, SA/CA S-778. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 760.

LD 2045 HP1454

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$8,000,000 to Provide Affordable and Accessible Housing for Persons Who Are Mentally Retarded. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BRENNAN of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COWGER of Hallowell, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, KONTOS of Windham, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, STEVENS of Orono, TOWNSEND of Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 2051 HP1460

An Act to Restore Funds Transferred from the Underground Oil Storage Replacement Fund. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative POULIN of Oakland; Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, COWGER of Hallowell, DEXTER of Kingfield, KNEELAND of Easton, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Died on Adjournment 04/09/98.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2053 HP1462

An Act to Preserve Maine's Historic Properties. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SKOGLUND of St. George; Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, CHARTRAND of Rockland, LEMKE of Westbrook, McELROY of Unity, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, PIEH of Bremen, SAXL of Portland, TRUE of Fryeburg. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

LD 2056 HP1465

An Act Concerning the Maine State Housing Authority's Share of the Transfer Tax. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, GREEN of Monmouth, KONTOS of Windham, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, TOWNSEND of Portland, TRIPP of Topsham, VIGUE of Winslow. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1068. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 759.

LD 2057 HP1466

An Act to Enhance Home-based Services for Maine's Elderly. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BROOKS of Winterport, KANE of Saco, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, O'NEIL of Saco, PIEH of Bremen, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2063 HP1472

An Act to Create the Partnership to Rebuild Maine's Schools. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: KERR of Old Orchard Beach, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, RICHARD of Madison, Senators: MICHAUD of Penobscot, PENDLETON of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/25/98.

LD 2064 SP0757

An Act to Foster Economic Development and Tourism in Maine. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell and Senators: MILLS of Somerset, LONGLEY of Waldo, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, HONEY of Boothbay, MADORE of Augusta, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, O'BRIEN of Augusta. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2086 HP1487

An Act to Continue the Membership of the Maine Legislature in the Council of State Governments. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representatives: MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland, Senator LAWRENCE of York. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. OTP Accepted 03/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 91.

LD 2101 SP0774

An Act to Continue Work-based Learning for Maine's Youth. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin; Cosponsored by Representative KNEELAND of Easton and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford, LONGLEY of Waldo, Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, DESMOND of Mapleton, SKOGLUND of St. George, WRIGHT of Berwick. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 2104 SP0777

An Act to Ensure Indoor Environmental Quality Assessment Assistance for Public Schools. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc; Cosponsored by Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, BENNETT of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/24/98.

LD 2107 SP0780

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$12,000,000 to Enable Maine Public Broadcasting to Implement the Federally Mandated Conversion to Digital Broadcasting. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator AMERO of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, PINGREE of Knox, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representative KONTOS of Windham. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. House: Indefinitely Postponed; Senate: Minority ONTP Accepted 04/01/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 04/01/98.

LD 2110 SP0783

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Consensus Revenue Forecasting Process. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Vassalboro. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA S-554. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 655.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2117 SP0790

An Act to Assist People with Housing Needs. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/10/98.

LD 2122 HP1500

An Act to Support the Long-term Care Steering Committee. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/09/98. **Amended by:** CA H-837, HA/CA H-849, HB/CA H-966. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 665.

LD 2126 HP1504

An Act to Provide Funds for the Maine Apprenticeship Program. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative HATCH of Skowhegan; Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, PENDLETON of Scarborough, RINES of Wiscasset, ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway, Senator TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 2131 HP1509

An Act to Restore the State House. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, KONTOS of Windham, LOVETT of Scarborough, Senators: MICHAUD of Penobscot, RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

LD 2138 HP1516

Resolve, Directing the Director of the Bureau of Veterans' Services to Study Ways to Improve the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MADORE of Augusta; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: MITCHELL of Vassalboro, O'BRIEN of Augusta, WATSON of Farmingdale, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2167 HP1540

Resolve, to Encourage High-performance Work Organizations and Quality Jobs in Rural Maine. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative ROWE of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CAMERON of Rumford, GAGNE of Buckfield, JONES of Greenville, KNEELAND of Easton, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SIROIS of Caribou. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

LD 2180 HP1551

An Act to Increase the Number of Probation Officers and Corrections Support Staff. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MUSE of South Portland; Cosponsored by Representatives: JONES of Greenville, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAXL of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: LAWRENCE of York, MURRAY of Penobscot, RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

LD 2184 HP1555

An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Battleship USS Maine Centennial Committee to Restore and Maintain the Monument to the USS Maine in Davenport Park. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative BAKER of Bangor; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, DUNLAP of Old Town, SAXL of Bangor, STEVENS of Orono, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, MICHAUD of Penobscot, MURRAY of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. OTP Accepted 03/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/15/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 90.

LD 2191 SP0812

An Act to Provide State Matching Funds for Federal Disaster Assistance Relating to the January Ice Storms. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford, MICHAUD of Penobscot, Representatives: DONNELLY of Presque Isle, KERR of Old Orchard Beach. **No Public Hearing.** OTP Accepted 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 02/12/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 565.

LD 2200 SP0816

An Act to Provide Funds for Applied Research and Development Relevant to the Maine Economy. (Submitted by the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 669.) **Public Hearing** 03/11/98. **Final Disposition:** Died on Adjournment 04/09/98.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2205 SP0819

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$20 Million to Stimulate the Maine Economy through Research and Development. (Submitted by the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 669.) **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA S-523. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/07/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 718.

LD 2206 HP1572

An Act to Assist Municipalities with Ice Storm-related Cleanup and Reduce Unemployment. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUNLAP of Old Town, HATCH of Skowhegan, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, McKEE of Wayne, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway, Senator RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2213 HP1583

Also referred to EDUCATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS Committee. An Act to Encourage High School Students to Pursue Higher Education at Postsecondary Educational Institutions in this State. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: DONNELLY of Presque Isle, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, KNEELAND of Easton, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MURPHY of Kennebunk, QUINT of Portland, STEVENS of Orono, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/24/98. House: Indefinitely Postponed 03/26/98; Senate: Minority ONTP Accepted 03/27/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 03/27/98.

LD 2218 HP1587

Also referred to HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Committee. An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force On Improving Access to Prescription Drugs for the Elderly. (Submitted by the Task Force on Improving Access to Prescription Drugs for the Elderly pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 560, Part E.) **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2224 SP0826

Original Title: An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$16,000,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities; to Close and Clean Up Municipal Solid Waste Landfills; to Clean Up Tire Stockpiles; to Investigate, Abate, Clean Up and Mitigate Hazardous Substance Discharges; to Mitigate Storm Water Pollution through a Comprehensive Watershed Protection Program; and to Make Drinking Water System Improvements. **New Title:** An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$7,000,000 to Construct Water Pollution Control Facilities; to Clean Up Tire Stockpiles; to Investigate, Abate, Clean Up and Mitigate Hazardous Substance Discharges; and to Make Drinking Water System Improvements. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, KNEELAND of Easton. **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/02/98. **Amended by:** CCA (Changed Title) H-1169. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 92.

LD 2249 HP1619

An Act to Promote Sustained Economic Growth and to Implement Recommendations Regarding the Department of Economic and Community Development. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.) **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

LD 2253 SP0847

An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$10,000,000 to Finance the Acquisition of Land for Conservation, Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife Habitat Protection and Farmland Preservation and to Access \$5,000,000 in Matching Contributions From Public and Private Sources. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator PINGREE of Knox; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, KILKELLY of Lincoln, Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, OTT of York, SAXL of Portland, SPEAR of Nobleboro. **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. House: Indefinitely Postponed 04/01/98, Senate: Report B ONTP Accepted 04/01/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 04/01/98.

LD 2259 HP1631

An Act to Preserve the State House and to Renovate State Facilities. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, O'BRIEN of Augusta, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, DAGGETT of Kennebec, KIEFFER of Aroostook, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox. **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/03/98. **Amended by:** CA H-939, SB S-708, SC S-779. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 788.

BANKING AND INSURANCE

LD 307 HP0243

An Act to Allow Self-referral for Obstetrical Care in Managed Care Plans. **Presented by** Representative VIGUE of Winslow; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CAMPBELL of Holden, LEMONT of Kittery, MERES of Norridgewock, PAUL of Sanford, PIEH of Bremen, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/03/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 889 SP0281

An Act to Ensure Fair Claims Settlement Practices. **Presented by** Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York; Cosponsored by Representative SAXL of Bangor. **Public Hearing** 04/29/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/06/98. **Amended by:** CA S-482. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 621.

LD 1060 SP0320

An Act to Provide Health Insurance Coverage for Prostate Cancer Screening. **Presented by** Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative MAYO of Bath and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENOIT of Franklin, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, FISK of Falmouth, SAXL of Portland, STEVENS of Orono. **Public Hearing** 03/03/97. OTP Accepted 02/12/98. **Amended by:** SA S-452. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 754.

LD 1243 SP0384

An Act to Protect the Privacy of Genetic Information. **Presented by** Senator RAND of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, JENKINS of Androscoggin, PARADIS of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: MITCHELL of Vassalboro, QUINT of Portland. **Public Hearing** 01/22/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-584, SA/CA S-594. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 677.

LD 1783 HP1256

An Act to Clarify the Laws Concerning Claims Settlement Practices. (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative VIGUE of Winslow; Cosponsored by Senator JENKINS of Androscoggin and Representatives: BODWELL of Brunswick, WHEELER of Eliot, WRIGHT of Berwick. **Public Hearing** 04/29/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA H-873. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/30/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 634.

LD 1848 HP1305

Original Title: An Act to Create the Managed Care Ombudsman Program. **New Title:** An Act to Create the Consumer Health Care Division within the Bureau of Insurance. **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Bangor; Cosponsored by Representatives: MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/03/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-820, HB/CA H-886. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 792.

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LD 1857 HP1309

An Act to Protect Patients of Managed Care Plans. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative BROOKS of Winterport; Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, LOVETT of Scarborough, SAXL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1928 SP0693

Original Title: An Act Relating to Reciprocal Insurers and Captive Insurance Companies. **New Title:** An Act Relating to Captive Insurance Companies. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York. **Public Hearing** 01/22/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/17/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-453. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/05/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 583.

LD 1929 HP1376

An Act Concerning Notices Given in Connection with Mortgage Foreclosures. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Bangor. **Public Hearing** 01/22/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/12/98. **Amended by:** CA H-787. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 579.

LD 1943 HP1390

An Act to Repeal the Residency Requirement for Credit Union Directors. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Bangor; Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York. **Public Hearing** 01/22/98. OTP Accepted 02/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 02/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 566.

LD 2034 SP0756

An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Licensing Requirements for Licensed Insurance Professionals and Insurers. (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/26/98. **Amended by:** CA S-462. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/12/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 592.

LD 2049 HP1458

An Act to Restore the Managing General Agents Act. (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative MAYO of Bath; Cosponsored by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. OTP Accepted 02/11/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 02/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 573.

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LD 2050 HP1459

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Life and Health Insurance. (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Presented by Representative SAXL of Bangor; Cosponsored by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/04/98. **Amended by:** CA H-819. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 604.

LD 2068 SP0761

An Act to Permit Off-label Use of Prescription Drugs for Cancer, HIV or AIDS.

(Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of York, LONGLEY of Waldo, RAND of Cumberland, Representative SAXL of Bangor. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-580. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 701.

LD 2130 HP1508

An Act Relating to Unfair Practices in the Provision of Goods and Services Paid for by Insurance Claims. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick; Cosponsored by Representatives: JONES of Pittsfield, O'NEIL of Saco, PERRY of Bangor, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 2166 HP1539

An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for In Vitro Fertilization Procedures.

(Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Bangor; Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GREEN of Monmouth, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, Senators: SMALL of Sagadahoc, MURRAY of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2174 HP1545

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Insurance Fraud. (Submitted by the Commission to Study Insurance Fraud pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 77.) **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-914. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 675.

BANKING AND INSURANCE (Cont.)

LD 2190 SP0811

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses in Maine. (Submitted by the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Effects of Government Regulation and Health Insurance Costs on Small Businesses in Maine pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 85.) **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/11/98. **Amended by:** CA S-489. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/23/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 616.

LD 2197 HP1564

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance Relating to the Review of the Bureau of Insurance, the Bureau of Banking and the Securities Division within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation under the State Government Evaluation Act. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.) **Public Hearing** 02/24/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA H-884, HA/CA H-894. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 660.

LD 2210 HP1577

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 890: Consumer Complaint Ratios, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. (Submitted by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP Accepted 03/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 03/23/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 96.

LD 2222 HP1593

An Act to Revise and Update the Charter of the Maine Employers' Mutual Insurance Company in Furtherance of its Mission. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative CARLETON of Wells; Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, HATCH of Skowhegan, MAYO of Bath, SAXL of Bangor, STANLEY of Medway, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 03/03/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA H-905. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 661.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LD 597 HP0447

An Act to Amend the Statutes Pertaining to Emergency Medical Services. (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative VIGUE of Winslow; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: BUMPS of China, TUTTLE of Sanford. **Public Hearing** 03/13/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA H-879. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 644.

LD 1483 SP0481

Original Title: An Act to License Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. **New Title:** An Act to Register Interpreters for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, GREEN of Monmouth, JONES of Greenville, WRIGHT of Berwick. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-589. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/15/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 749.

LD 1525 SP0494

Original Title: An Act to License Massage Therapists under the Board of Complementary Health Care Providers. **New Title:** An Act to License Massage Therapists. **Presented by** Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln; Cosponsored by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale and Senators: JENKINS of Androscoggin, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, POVICH of Ellsworth, USHER of Westbrook. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-561, HA/CA H-1049. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 681.

LD 1580 HP1124

An Act to Improve Allopathic and Osteopathic Physician Oversight. **Presented by** Representative BUCK of Yarmouth; Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin. **Public Hearing** 04/08/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-958. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 680.

LD 1920 HP1370

An Act to Promote Competitiveness Regarding the Sale of Recreational Vehicles by Allowing Better Discounts. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative CAMPBELL of Holden. **Public Hearing** 01/21/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** CA H-853, SA S-509. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/31/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 640.

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LD 1922 HP1373

An Act to Expand the Uses of the Economic Opportunity Fund. (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative VIGUE of Winslow; Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, FARNSWORTH of Portland, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SHANNON of Lewiston, Senators: MacKINNON of York, RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 01/21/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/23/98. **Amended by:** CA H-795. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/12/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 590.

LD 1946 SP0701

Original Title: An Act to Simplify the Process of Transferring Ownership of a Business Licensed by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology under the Terms of a Divorce Settlement. **New Title:** An Act to Simplify the Process of Transferring Ownership of a Business Licensed by the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology in Cases of Death or Divorce. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator AMERO of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/12/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-491. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 622.

LD 2062 HP1471

An Act to Provide for the 1998 and 1999 Allocations of the State Ceiling on Private Activity Bonds. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Representatives: VIGUE of Winslow, WRIGHT of Berwick. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. OTP Accepted 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/09/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 65.

LD 2088 HP1489

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Access to Capital for Maine Businesses. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Representative VIGUE of Winslow. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA H-880, HA/CA H-931. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 774.

LD 2099 SP0772

An Act to Prohibit Discrimination against Osteopathic Physicians and Provide Patient Choice. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, LaFOUNTAIN of York, MacKINNON of York, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, KONTOS of Windham, VIGUE of Winslow. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/27/98.

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LD 2128 HP1506

An Act Regulating the Practices of Feature Motion Picture Exhibitors and Distributors or Licensors and Providing Remedies for Violations. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Portland; Cosponsored by Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, KONTOS of Windham, PIEH of Bremen, SAXL of Bangor, Senator RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 2198 HP1565

An Act to Implement the Recommendations Relating to the Review of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation's Office of the Commissioner, Office of Consumer Credit Regulation and Office of Licensing and Registration under the State Government Evaluation Act. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.) **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA H-952, SA S-683. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/10/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 727.

LD 2203 HP1571

An Act to Create the Maine Economic Opportunity Advisory Committee. (Submitted by the Task Force to Study Equal Economic Opportunity for all Regions of the State pursuant to Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 51.) **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 2229 HP1603

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development Relating to the Review of the Maine Development Foundation under the State Government Evaluation Act. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 955, subsection 4.) **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. OTP Accepted 03/16/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 662.

LD 2238 HP1612

An Act to Create the Kennebec Regional Development Authority. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, POULIN of Oakland, VIGUE of Winslow, Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. Majority OTP Accepted 03/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 79.

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LD 2275

HP1643

An Act to Modify the Law Pertaining to Personal Sports Mobile Franchises. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Presented by Representative SHANNON of Lewiston; Cosponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York and Representatives: BODWELL of Brunswick, CAMERON of Rumford, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish, MURPHY of Kennebunk, VIGUE of Winslow, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senator RAND of Cumberland.

No Public Hearing. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA H-999. **Final**

Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 717.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

LD 65 HP0040

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Reimbursement to the Counties for Community Corrections. **Presented by** Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro; Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York and Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, CLUKEY of Houlton, JOYNER of Hollis, PAUL of Sanford, THOMPSON of Naples, Senator FERGUSON of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 01/23/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA H-919, HA/CA H-1022, SA/CA S-713. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 753.

LD 515 HP0370

An Act to Set a Fixed Rate for Housing of State Prisoners. **Presented by** Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township; Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MUSE of South Portland, O'NEAL of Limestone, PAUL of Sanford, POVICH of Ellsworth, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/25/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 753 HP0562

Original Title: An Act to Require Law Enforcement Agencies to Collect Data Regarding Public Intoxication, to Extend Immunity from Liability to Law Enforcement Officers and to Establish a Group to Study Involuntary Commitment of Persons Suffering from Chronic and Life-threatening Substance Abuse. **New Title:** An Act to Require Law Enforcement Agencies to Collect Data Regarding Public Intoxication. **Presented by** Representative LEMKE of Westbrook; Cosponsored by Representatives: McALEVEY of Waterboro, USHER of Westbrook, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/27/97. OTP-AM Accepted 02/25/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-798, SC/CA (Changed Title) S-774. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 756.

LD 804 SP0235

Resolve, to Create the Juvenile Crime Task Force to Develop a Continuum of Services for Juveniles. **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Senators: JENKINS of Androscoggin, PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, JONES of Greenville, PEAVEY of Woolwich, POVICH of Ellsworth, RICHARD of Madison. **Public Hearing** 03/05/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 862 HP0637

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Examine the Laws Pertaining to Juvenile Offenders. **Presented by** Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden; Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, JOY of Crystal, MACK of Standish, MADORE of Augusta, POWERS of Rockport, Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, MURRAY of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 03/05/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Cont.)

LD 915 HP0662

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Juvenile Petition, Adjudication and Disposition. **Presented by** Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township; Cosponsored by Representatives: McALEVEY of Waterboro, PAUL of Sanford, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-970. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 645.

LD 1592 HP1136

An Act to Require Post-release Supervision of Prisoners Who Are Identified as High-risk Offenders. (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township; Cosponsored by Representatives: McALEVEY of Waterboro, TOBIN of Dexter, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 05/01/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/02/98.

LD 1667 SP0549

An Act to Permit Involuntary Medication of Mentally Ill Persons Residing in Department of Corrections Facilities. (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Greenville and Representatives: FRECHETTE of Biddeford, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MUSE of South Portland, PEAVEY of Woolwich, POVICH of Ellsworth, TOBIN of Dexter, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 04/30/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/02/98.

LD 1719 SP0562

An Act Concerning Firearm Purchase Background Checks. **Presented by** Senator HALL of Piscataquis; Cosponsored by Senators: MILLS of Somerset, KIEFFER of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 05/02/97. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/17/98.

LD 1870 HP1321

Original Title: An Act to Amend Criminal OUI Penalties Concerning Suspension of a Motor Vehicle Driver's License. **New Title:** An Act Concerning the Coded Notation on OUI Offenders' Driver's Licenses. **Presented by** Representative COWGER of Hallowell; Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, SAXL of Bangor, WATSON of Farmingdale. **Public Hearing** 01/08/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/06/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-831. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/24/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 617.

LD 1924 SP0688

An Act to Permit the Consideration of Any Location in the State for the Location of the New Criminal Justice Academy. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook; Cosponsored by Senator CASSIDY of Washington, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Wallagrass, KNEELAND of Easton, O'NEAL of Limestone, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. Majority OTP Accepted 02/17/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 02/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 577.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Cont.)

LD 1952 **HP1400**

An Act to Increase Penalties for Certain Sex Offenders. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative GAGNON of Waterville. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 1992 **HP1428**

An Act Relating to Forfeited Firearms. (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1993 **HP1429**

An Act to Require the Development of a Plan for the Recovery, Identification and Disposition of Human Remains in a Disaster. (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **OTP Accepted** 02/19/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 580.

LD 2022 **SP0744**

An Act to Make Corrections to the Laws Governing the Maine Bail Code. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator MURRAY of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **OTP-AM Accepted** 02/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-459. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/09/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 585.

LD 2027 **SP0749**

An Act to Ensure Collection of Essential Data by the Department of Public Safety. (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator MURRAY of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth and Representatives: LINDAHL of Northport, MUSE of South Portland, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **OTP-AM Accepted** 03/06/98. **Amended by:** CA S-478. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/18/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 608.

LD 2030 **SP0752**

An Act to Promote the Receipt of Federal Funds and to Clarify the Maine Juvenile Code. (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator MURRAY of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Greenville and Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: McALEVEY of Waterboro, PEAVEY of Woolwich, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **OTP-AM Accepted** 02/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-458. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/12/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 591.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Cont.)

LD 2033 SP0755

An Act to Create the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1998. (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator MURRAY of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth and Representatives: MUSE of South Portland, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 2072 HP1473

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sex Offenders. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BELANGER of Wallagras; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, KASPRZAK of Newport, LANE of Enfield, LAYTON of Cherryfield, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1056, SB/CA S-730. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 768.

LD 2080 HP1481

An Act to Enhance the Bail Requirements for Persons Charged with Murder. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro; Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Franklin and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, JONES of Greenville, MAYO of Bath, NASS of Acton, O'NEIL of Saco, POVICH of Ellsworth, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator FERGUSON of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 2084 HP1485

An Act to Protect Children from Sex Offenders. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Representatives: LABRECQUE of Gorham, MUSE of South Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2089 HP1490

An Act to Establish Reasonable Fees for Reports and Other Items From the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. (Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro; Cosponsored by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot and Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLUKEY of Houlton, COWGER of Hallowell, JONES of Greenville, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, O'BRIEN of Augusta, POVICH of Ellsworth. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/04/98. **Amended by:** CA H-825. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 598.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Cont.)

LD 2182 HP1553

An Act to Create the Crime of Insurance Fraud and Require Reporting of Convictions to Licensing Authorities. (Submitted by the Commission to Study Insurance Fraud, pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 77.) **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA H-923. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 779.

LD 2185 HP1556

Resolve, to Provide Accountability in the Probation System. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, JONES of Greenville, KANE of Saco, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MUSE of South Portland, POVICH of Ellsworth, Senator MURRAY of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-971, SA/CA S-755. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/16/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 124.

LD 2189 HP1560

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Certification and Monitoring of Batterer Intervention Programs, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Corrections. (Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. OTP Accepted 03/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 03/18/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 92.

LD 2232 SP0834

An Act to Improve the Delivery and Effectiveness of State Correctional Services. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator MURRAY of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth and Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro. **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA S-603. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/15/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 752.

LD 2248 SP0844

An Act Authorizing the State to Appeal Decisions Granting Preconviction Bail. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 825.) **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. House: Minority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98, Insist of Engrossment 03/25/98; Senate: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98, Adhere to Engrossment 03/25/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 03/25/98.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Cont.)

LD 2257 HP1629

An Act to Make Public the Records of the Department of Corrections Relating to Inmate Furloughs and Requests under the Uniform Act for Out-of-State Parolee Supervision. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative JABAR of Waterville; Cosponsored by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MUSE of South Portland, POVICH of Ellsworth, THOMPSON of Naples, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA H-991. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 714.

LD 2272 HP1639

An Act to Implement Recommendations of the Fire Marshal Study Group. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 10.) **Public Hearing** 03/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1030, HA H-1123. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/10/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 728.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

LD 623 SP0195

Original Title: An Act to Provide Opportunities for Choice within the Public School System. **New Title:** Resolve, to Provide Educational Placement Options within the Public School System. **Presented by** Senator AMERO of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of York, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Died on Adjournment 04/09/98.

LD 1045 HP0768

Resolve, to Create the Task Force on Research and Development Investment. **Presented by** Representative BIGL of Bucksport; Cosponsored by Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, TOBIN of Dexter. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1168 SP0349

Resolve, to Reorganize the University of Maine System. **Presented by** Senator LIBBY of York; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot, Representative JOYNER of Hollis. **Public Hearing** 03/19/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1260 HP0917

An Act Allowing Schools to Remain on the School Construction Account Priority List. **Presented by** Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk; Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Dixfield, CARLETON of Wells, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FISK of Falmouth, FOSTER of Gray, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, USHER of Westbrook, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock. **Public Hearing** 03/24/97. **Final Disposition:** See LD 2289 (OTP-ND) Report.

LD 1325 HP0962

An Act to Make the State Board of Education Elected. **Presented by** Representative LEMKE of Westbrook; Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BERRY of Belmont, BUCK of Yarmouth, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, O'NEAL of Limestone, VEDRAL of Buxton, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 01/21/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 02/25/98.

LD 1340 SP0419

An Act to Establish a Public Education Assessment Advisory Commission. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 04/04/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 1398 HP1006

An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding the Discipline of Exceptional Students. **Presented** by Representative CLUKEY of Houlton; Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, BUMPS of China, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, McALEVEY of Waterboro, McELROY of Unity, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 04/02/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/03/98. **Amended by:** CA H-809. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 594.

LD 1416 SP0442

An Act Concerning Eligibility for Service on a School Board. **Presented by** Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln; Cosponsored by Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, RINES of Wiscasset, SAVAGE of Union. **Public Hearing** 04/09/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1436 SP0464

An Act to Amend School Construction Laws. **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell and Senators: MILLS of Somerset, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, FOSTER of Gray, McKEE of Wayne, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, THOMPSON of Naples, WATSON of Farmingdale. **Public Hearing** 04/07/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/25/98.

LD 1544 HP1101

An Act to Amend the Process by Which School Construction Is Approved. **Presented** by Representative TRUE of Fryeburg; Cosponsored by Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, HONEY of Boothbay, JOY of Crystal, KNEELAND of Easton, LEMONT of Kittery, PINKHAM of Brunswick, TOBIN of Dexter, WINGLASS of Auburn. **Public Hearing** 04/07/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 1601 SP0517

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require the Legislature to Provide a Statewide System of Uniform and High-quality Education. **Presented by** Senator LONGLEY of Waldo; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot, Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BELANGER of Caribou, DESMOND of Mapleton, McELROY of Unity, MERES of Norridgewock. **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/26/98.

LD 1622 HP1158

An Act to Require That a Course in Multicultural Education Be Included in All Teacher Preparation Programs in the State. **Presented by** Representative McKEE of Wayne; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, GAGNE of Buckfield, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Portland, SIROIS of Caribou, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator JENKINS of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 04/11/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 1652 HP1175

An Act to Establish the Dirigo Higher Education Bond Program to Provide Financial Aid to Maine Students. **Presented by** Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick; Cosponsored by Representatives: BUMPS of China, MITCHELL of Portland, ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Portland, STEVENS of Orono, WATSON of Farmingdale. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1653 HP1176

An Act to Abolish the State Board of Education. **Presented by** Representative JOY of Crystal; Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, DEXTER of Kingfield, LANE of Enfield. **Public Hearing** 01/21/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/02/98.

LD 1717 HP1217

An Act Establishing a Higher Education Trust as an Instrumentality of the State. **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, GAGNON of Waterville, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 1718 HP1218

An Act to Create a Prepaid Tuition Plan. **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representatives: MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, BRENNAN of Portland, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MURPHY of Kennebunk, RICHARD of Madison, SAXL of Bangor, SAXL of Portland, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, RAND of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1721 SP0564

An Act Regarding Appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Board of Trustees. **Presented by** Senator CATHCART of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BROOKS of Winterport. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/06/98. **Amended by:** CA S-481. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 599.

LD 1725 SP0568

Original Title: An Act to Authorize Interlocal Agreements for Construction and Operation of Public Education Fiber-Optic Transmission Systems. **New Title:** An Act to Authorize School Administrative Units to Enter into Multi-year Agreements for Telecommunications Services. **Presented by** Senator PARADIS of Aroostook; Cosponsored by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone and Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, MICHAUD of Penobscot, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Wallagrass, DESMOND of Mapleton, SIROIS of Caribou, WATSON of Farmingdale, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-628. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 664.

LD 1769 HP1250

An Act to Authorize Additional Adjustments to the State Share of School Funding. **Presented by** Representative DESMOND of Mapleton; Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, SIROIS of Caribou, STEDMAN of Hartland, Senators: O'GARA of Cumberland, PARADIS of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 01/08/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 1778 SP0599

An Act to Establish the Maine Prepaid College Tuition Program. **Presented by** Senator MURRAY of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, PENDLETON of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc, Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BRENNAN of Portland. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 1825 SP0622

An Act to Authorize a Tuition Savings Plan to Encourage Attendance at Institutions of Higher Education. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative KONTOS of Windham and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, HALL of Piscataquis, Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, CLARK of Millinocket, DESMOND of Mapleton, MURPHY of Kennebunk, TUTTLE of Sanford, USHER of Westbrook. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CA S-620. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 732.

LD 1861 SP0639

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Provide Equal Educational Funding. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator PARADIS of Aroostook; Cosponsored by Representative BELANGER of Wallagrass and Senators: BENOIT of Franklin, MURRAY of Penobscot, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DESMOND of Mapleton, JOY of Crystal, KNEELAND of Easton, PERRY of Bangor. **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 1967 SP0725

An Act to Allow for Greater Efficiency in School Construction. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox; Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 1969 SP0727

An Act to Protect Students of Barbering, Cosmetology and Other Proprietary Schools. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, LaFOUNTAIN of York, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Portland, RICHARD of Madison, ROWE of Portland, VIGUE of Winslow. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA S-565, HA H-1153, SA/CA S-701. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 771.

LD 1973 HP1409

An Act Regarding the Energy Testing Laboratory of Maine. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative COLWELL of Gardiner; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, KONTOS of Windham, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, SAXL of Portland, Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, PARADIS of Aroostook, PENDLETON of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/04/98. **Amended by:** CA H-824. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/18/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 607.

LD 1983 HP1419

An Act Regarding the State Subsidy for Kindergarten Programs. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative McELROY of Unity; Cosponsored by Representatives: BUMPS of China, CLUKEY of Houlton, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: LIBBY of York, PENDLETON of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2001 HP1437

An Act to Amend the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act Regarding Education Funding. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA H-918. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/26/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 626.

LD 2040

HP1449

An Act to Amend the Law Relating to Special Education Out-of-district Placements. (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative BAKER of Bangor; Cosponsored by Representative BELANGER of Caribou, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/04/98. **Amended by:** CA H-823, SA (Changed Title) S-727. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 736.

LD 2042

HP1451

An Act Relating to the Maine School Administrative District 49 Arts and Technology Center. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative TESSIER of Fairfield; Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and Representative BUMPS of China. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP Accepted 02/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 02/27/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 59.

LD 2044

HP1453

An Act to Promote Access to Public Higher Education. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BRENNAN of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, KONTOS of Windham, McELROY of Unity, RICHARD of Madison, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/10/98. **Amended by:** CA H-842. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 758.

LD 2048

HP1457

Original Title: An Act to Provide Property Tax Relief and to Ensure Equitable School Funding. **New Title:** An Act to Ensure Equitable School Funding. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BRENNAN of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, GAGNON of Waterville, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, TOWNSEND of Portland, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook, SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-979, SA/CA S-752. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/10/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 724.

LD 2061

HP1470

An Act to Establish the Endowment Incentive Program. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BAKER of Bangor; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BELANGER of Caribou, BRENNAN of Portland, GOOLEY of Farmington, KONTOS of Windham, O'BRIEN of Augusta, STEVENS of Orono, Senator PINGREE of Knox. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Died on Adjournment 04/09/98.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2106 SP0779

An Act to Provide Degree-granting Authority to the SALT Center for Documentary Field Studies. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland. **No Public Hearing.** **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2129 HP1507

Resolve, to Approve a Maine Technical College System Lease with the South Portland Housing Authority. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MUSE of South Portland; Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, MORGAN of South Portland, ROWE of Portland, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, O'GARA of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/25/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/09/98. **Amended by:** CA H-836. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 03/23/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 95.

LD 2140 HP1518

An Act to Implement the Maine Arts Commission's Arts in Education Program. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative WATSON of Farmingdale; Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, TOWNSEND of Portland, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, MILLS of Somerset, PARADIS of Aroostook, SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/11/98. **Amended by:** CA H-850. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 762.

LD 2142 HP1520

Original Title: An Act to Provide Educators More Authority to Remove Violent Students from Educational Settings. **New Title:** Resolve, To Establish the Commission to Study Providing Educators with More Authority to Remove Violent Students from Educational Settings. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative GREEN of Monmouth; Cosponsored by Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, WATSON of Farmingdale. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-1001, HA/CA H-1075, HB/CA H-1132. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/13/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 119.

LD 2143 HP1521

Original Title: An Act to Restore Advocacy for Handicapped Students. **New Title:** An Act to Restore Advocacy Services for Handicapped Students. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative WINN of Glenburn; Cosponsored by Representative KONTOS of Windham, Senator AMERO of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-898. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 84.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2163 HP1536

An Act to Require the State to Be Responsible for the Costs of School Employee Record Checks and Fingerprinting. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative LEMAIRE of Lewiston; Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, BRENNAN of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, GREEN of Monmouth, KONTOS of Windham, O'NEAL of Limestone, Senator RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 2227 HP1601

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 181: Child Development Services System: Regional Provider Advisory Boards, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education. (Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **Public Hearing** 03/05/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-978. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/01/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 106.

LD 2252 HP1622

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Commission on School Facilities. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative RICHARD of Madison; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, McELROY of Unity, MURPHY of Kennebunk, Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, SMALL of Sagadahoc, TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1088, HA/CA H-1143, SA/CA S-634, SB/CA S-637, SC/CA S-698, SD/CA S-743. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 787.

LD 2256 HP1628

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers. (Submitted by the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 68.) **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

LD 2260 HP1632

Resolve, Charging the Children's Cabinet Agencies to Support Efforts of Parents as First Teachers of Their Children. (Submitted by the Task Force to Study Strategies to Support Parents as Children's First Teachers pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 68.) **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. OTP Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** SA S-568. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/15/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 122.

LD 2271 HP1637

An Act to Include Locally Funded Debt Service in the Formula for Purposes of the Circuit Breaker Program. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative CHARTRAND of Rockland; Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, SAVAGE of Union, SKOGLUND of St. George. **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/26/98.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LD 153 HP0129

An Act to Provide Social Services to Children in Need of Services and State Supervision. **Presented by** Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BAGLEY of Machias, BERRY of Livermore, GOODWIN of Pembroke, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, KILKELLY of Lincoln. **Public Hearing** 02/03/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1113 SP0335

An Act to Require the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to Report the Facts of an Unnatural Death of a Patient under the Care of the Department to the Legislature. **Presented by** Senator BENOIT of Franklin; Cosponsored by Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, LOVETT of Scarborough, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, WINGLASS of Auburn. **Public Hearing** 03/17/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/09/98. **Amended by:** CA S-485. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/18/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 605.

LD 1199 HP0882

An Act to Ensure Adequate Nutrition and Support for Low-income Legal Immigrants. **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, MAYO of Bath, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, QUINT of Portland, ROWE of Portland, STEVENS of Orono, Senator RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 03/24/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/06/98. **Amended by:** CA H-833, SB/CA S-760. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 731.

LD 1302 SP0407

Original Title: An Act to Amend the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program. **New Title:** An Act to Amend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program. **Presented by** Senator RAND of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative SAXL of Portland and Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KILKELLY of Lincoln, MILLS of Somerset, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: MAYO of Bath, QUINT of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland. **Public Hearing** 03/24/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-588. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 695.

LD 1570 SP0508

An Act to Require Tobacco Manufacturers to Disclose Ingredients Contained within Tobacco Products. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset; Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin Senator TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 04/08/97. House: Indefinitely Postponed 03/05/98, Senate: Majority ONTP Accepted 03/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 03/05/98.

LD 1585 HP1129

An Act to Provide Additional Adoption Assistance to State Employees. **Presented by** Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro; Cosponsored by Representatives: KNEELAND of Easton, TUTTLE of Sanford, WINGLASS of Auburn. **Public Hearing** 04/11/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Cont.)

LD 1661 SP0542

Original Title: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger and Food Security. **New Title:** Resolve, to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Hunger and Food Security. **Presented by** Senator BENOIT of Franklin; Cosponsored by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough. **Public Hearing** 05/02/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-587, HA/CA H-1078. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/13/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 117.

LD 1677 SP0551

An Act to Improve Children's Health. **Presented by** Senator LONGLEY of Waldo; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senators: LAWRENCE of York, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TOWNSEND of Portland, TRIPP of Topsham, WINGLASS of Auburn. **Public Hearing** 04/09/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1737 HP1225

An Act to Provide for Confidentiality of Health Care Information. **Presented by** Representative FULLER of Manchester; Cosponsored by Representatives: LOVETT of Scarborough, PIEH of Bremen, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: LaFOUNTAIN of York, LONGLEY of Waldo, MITCHELL of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 05/05/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1066, HA/CA H-1069, HB/CA H-1073, HC/CA H-1096, SA/CA S-716. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 793.

LD 1750 HP1233

An Act Concerning the Rights of Children with Special Needs. **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Portland; Cosponsored by Representative LOVETT of Scarborough. **Public Hearing** 04/30/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1779 SP0600

An Act Regarding Access to Medical Information. **Presented by** Senator PINGREE of Knox; Cosponsored by Representative WATSON of Farmingdale and Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, PARADIS of Aroostook, RAND of Cumberland, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, GREEN of Monmouth, LOVETT of Scarborough, MAYO of Bath, MITCHELL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 05/05/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

LD 1914 HP1364

An Act Regarding the Possession of Tobacco Products by a Juvenile. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative PERKINS of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/09/98. **Amended by:** CA H-781. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 578.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Cont.)

LD 1966 SP0724

An Act Regarding the Spousal Allowance for Divorced Spouses of Nursing Home Care Recipients Receiving Medicaid. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator CATHCART of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and Senators: MILLS of Somerset, PINGREE of Knox. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1971 HP1407

An Act to Provide Representation for Chiropractors on the Board of the Maine Health Data Organization. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KANE of Saco; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: LOVETT of Scarborough, O'NEIL of Saco, PIEH of Bremen, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/09/98. **Amended by:** CA H-780. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 02/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 568.

LD 1975 HP1411

Original Title: Resolve, to Provide Support and Assistance to Persons with Eating Disorders. **New Title:** Resolve, to Establish the Commission on Eating Disorders. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative POULIN of Oakland; Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, HONEY of Boothbay, PINKHAM of Brunswick, STEVENS of Orono, TOWNSEND of Portland, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/25/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-878, SA/CA S-721. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/13/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 118.

LD 1991 HP1427

An Act Regarding the Role of the State Planning Office and the Land and Water Resources Council. (Submitted by the State Planning Office pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska; Cosponsored by Representative JOYNER of Hollis, Senators: LIBBY of York, NUTTING of Androscoggin, TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. OTP Accepted 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/09/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 587.

LD 1996 HP1432

Original Title: An Act to Grant the Legislature Additional Oversight of Medicaid Funds Used by the Department of Human Services for Educational Services. **New Title:** Resolve, Requiring a Report on the Provision of Medicaid Services. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland; Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, BRENNAN of Portland, COWGER of Hallowell, FULLER of Manchester, GAGNE of Buckfield, TESSIER of Fairfield, TOWNSEND of Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-1055, SA/CA S-723. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/16/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 123.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Cont.)

LD 2005 HP1441

An Act to Conform Maine's Safe Drinking Water Laws with the 1996 Amendments of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative BROOKS of Winterport; Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BERRY of Livermore, BRAGDON of Bangor, BRUNO of Raymond, CAMERON of Rumford, JABAR of Waterville, O'BRIEN of Augusta, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-904, SA/CA S-559. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 705.

LD 2032 SP0754

Original Title: An Act to Permit the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to Exercise Emergency Receivership Authority for Protection of Individuals Receiving Services. **New Title:** An Act Regarding Receivership Authority for Protection of Individuals Receiving Services from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and the Department of Human Services. (Submitted by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative FISHER of Brewer and Senator PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, BROOKS of Winterport, JOYNER of Hollis, KANE of Saco, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-555. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/20/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 610.

LD 2060 HP1469

Original Title: An Act to Consolidate the Administration of Home Health Services. **New Title:** An Act Regarding Personal Care Assistance Services. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative QUINT of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, MITCHELL of Portland, SAXL of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator PARADIS of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-977, SA/CA S-729. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 734.

LD 2071 SP0770

An Act Regarding Contract Procedures. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator PARADIS of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP Accepted 02/18/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/09/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 588.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Cont.)

LD 2078 HP1479

An Act to Allow Recognition of Private Schools with Outstanding Residential Counseling Programs. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland; Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish, MUSE of South Portland, PIEH of Bremen, WINGLASS of Auburn. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 2102 SP0775

An Act to Update the Guide Dog Access Law. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield and Senators: CLEVELAND of Androscoggin, BENOIT of Franklin, Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, BELANGER of Caribou, HONEY of Boothbay. **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/10/98. **Amended by:** CA S-487. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/23/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 611.

LD 2103 SP0776

An Act to Improve the Efficiency of the Maine Public Drinking Water Control Program. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle and Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, LOVETT of Scarborough, SHIAH of Bowdoinham. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA S-547. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 666.

LD 2118 SP0791

An Act to Increase Economic Security for the State's Low-income Children and Families and Prevent Additional Costs to Municipalities. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator RAND of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Portland and Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'BRIEN of Augusta, QUINT of Portland, ROWE of Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/13/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 2133 HP1511

An Act to Establish and Maintain an Immunization Information System. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1021. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 670.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Cont.)

LD 2137 HP1515

An Act to Address the Crisis in Access to Dental Care for Low-income Children. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Portland; Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, COLWELL of Gardiner, MUSE of South Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/13/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-895. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 667.

LD 2141 HP1519

An Act to Enhance the Membership of the Maine HIV Advisory Committee. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative WATSON of Farmingdale; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, KONTOS of Windham, MAYO of Bath, QUINT of Portland, Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, MILLS of Somerset, PINGREE of Knox. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2151 HP1529

An Act to Regulate the Functioning of End-stage Renal Disease Facilities. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative FULLER of Manchester. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-912. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 658.

LD 2152 HP1530

Original Title: An Act to Strengthen the Collection of Medicaid Liens. **New Title:** An Act Regarding the Medicaid Program. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative FULLER of Manchester. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-1090, SA/CA S-734. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 795.

LD 2153 SP0794

An Act Concerning Rural Hospital Care. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator PARADIS of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 2156 SP0799

Resolve, to Ensure the Safety of Maine Children with Mental Health Problems. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative KANE of Saco. **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Cont.)

LD 2161 HP1534

Original Title: Resolve, to Provide Supplemental Funding for the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Maine's Long-term Care Facilities. **New Title:** Resolve, to Extend the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Maine's Long-term Care Facilities. (Submitted by the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Maine's Long-term Care Facilities, pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 81, section 7.) **Public Hearing** 02/25/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-857, HA/CA H-881, SA/CA S-735. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/16/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 129.

LD 2170 HP1543

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation. (Submitted by the Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 79.) **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1067, SA/CA S-736. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 778.

LD 2177 HP1548

An Act to Require Alternate Sources of Power for Elderly Housing. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative GAGNE of Buckfield; Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, DESMOND of Mapleton, FARNSWORTH of Portland, FULLER of Manchester, GERRY of Auburn, JONES of Greenville, NASS of Acton, SHIAH of Bowdoinham. **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 2207 HP1573

Original Title: An Act to Establish the Office of Mental Health and Human Services Ombudsman. **New Title:** Resolve, Establishing the Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle. **Public Hearing** 03/02/98. Minority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CB (Changed Title) H-936, SA/CB S-737. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/14/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 120.

LD 2225 HP1595

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Children's Health Care. (Submitted by the Maine Commission on Children's Health Care pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 560, Part B.) **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1008, SA/CA S-615, SB/CA S-754. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 777.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Cont.)

LD 2228 HP1602

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Registration of In-home Personal Care and Support Workers. (Submitted by the Task Force on Registration of In-home Personal Care and Support Workers pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 29.)

Public Hearing 03/10/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1065.

Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 716.

LD 2241 HP1615

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 113: Regulations Governing the Licensing and Functioning of Assisted Living Facilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **Public Hearing**

03/10/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1002. **Final Disposition:**

Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/03/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 115.

LD 2251 HP1621

An Act to Permit Direct Contracting with State Governmental Entities for the Provision of Services to Eligible Participants in Government Health Programs. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick. **Public Hearing**

03/16/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA H-992. **Final Disposition:**

Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 676.

LD 2261 HP1633

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study the Certificate of Need Laws. (Submitted by the Commission to Study the Certificate of Need Laws, pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 82) **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-968. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 689.

LD 2268 SP0855

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Hospice Coverage and Palliative Pain Control. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Presented by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Portland and Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, KIEFFER of Aroostook, LONGLEY of Waldo, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, QUINT of Portland, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Public Hearing 03/16/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Cont.)

LD 2279 HP1649

Original Title: Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Section 71.05: Application Process; Certificate of Need for Nursing Facility Level of Care (Policy Manual), a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. **New Title:** Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Section 71.05(F) (11)-(13) of the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services Policy Manual, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **Public Hearing** 03/24/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-1080. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/02/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 110.

LD 2281 HP1650

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 32: Rules for the Licensing of Children's Day Care Facilities and Chapter 33: Rules for Home Day Care Providers, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Human Services, Auditing, Contracting and Licensing Service Center. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **Public Hearing** 03/24/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1084. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/03/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 112.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

LD 152 HP0128

An Act to Create a 3-Person Regional Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council within Each Resource Management Administrative Region. **Presented by** Representative UNDERWOOD of Mechanic Falls; Cosponsored by Representatives: PAUL of Sanford, USHER of Westbrook, Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 03/24/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 368 HP0304

An Act to Allow the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Create Lifetime Fishing and Hunting Licenses. **Presented by** Representative CHICK of Lebanon; Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, LABRECQUE of Gorham, NASS of Acton, PERKINS of Penobscot, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, MacKINNON of York. **Public Hearing** 02/19/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1013, HA/CA H-1036. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 679.

LD 751 HP0560

An Act to Outlaw the Use of Eel Pots in Inland Waters. **Presented by** Representative STEDMAN of Hartland. **Public Hearing** 03/12/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1159 HP0854

An Act to Open Trapping Season on Saturday. **Presented by** Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke. **Public Hearing** 03/10/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1162 HP0857

An Act to Clarify the Duties of the Maine Atlantic Salmon Authority. **Presented by** Representative O'NEIL of Saco; Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, CLARK of Millinocket, DUNLAP of Old Town, FISHER of Brewer, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, PERRY of Bangor, UNDERWOOD of Mechanic Falls, Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 03/28/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 1479 SP0477

An Act to Decriminalize Various Fish and Game Violations and Enhance Collectibility of Associated Penalties. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 04/07/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE (Cont.)

LD 1730 SP0573

Also referred to NATURAL RESOURCES Committee. An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Great Pond Task Force. **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell and Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, FULLER of Manchester, GREEN of Monmouth, McKEE of Wayne, NASS of Acton, TRUE of Fryeburg. **Public Hearing** 04/28/97. Report A OTP-AM Accepted 04/02/98. **Amended by:** CA S-600, SC/CA S-686, SF/CA S-691. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 739.

LD 1801 SP0604

An Act to Adopt Long-range Changes in the Methods by Which Whitewater Rafting Trips Are Allocated among Licensees. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 05/05/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA S-530. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 730.

LD 1921 HP1372

An Act to Reduce the Cost of Archery Hunting Licenses for the Special Archery Season on Deer. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative DUNLAP of Old Town. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 2024 SP0746

Resolve, to Establish Guidelines for the Ownership and Use of Certain Primates. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator BENNETT of Oxford; Cosponsored by Representative WATERHOUSE of Bridgton. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 2038 HP1447

An Act to Enhance the Safety of Snowmobile Rental Operations. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative JONES of Greenville; Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, STANLEY of Medway, Senator HALL of Piscataquis. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/11/98. **Amended by:** CA H-852. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/23/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 614.

LD 2073 HP1474

An Act to Promote Economic Development by Creating a Zone on the Northern Maine Border in which Snowmobiles Registered in New Brunswick or Quebec May Operate. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BELANGER of Wallagrass; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, DESMOND of Mapleton, KNEELAND of Easton, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, TRUE of Fryeburg, VIGUE of Winslow, Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

JUDICIARY

LD 29 SP0031

An Act to Amend the Wrongful Death Laws. **Presented by** Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York; Cosponsored by Representative LEMAIRE of Lewiston and Senators: NUTTING of Androscoggin, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, LEMKE of Westbrook, WATSON of Farmingdale. **Public Hearing** 02/12/97. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/20/98.

LD 30 SP0032

An Act to Exclude Intentional Tort Claims from the Application of the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992. **Presented by** Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York; Cosponsored by Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick and Senator TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: LEMAIRE of Lewiston, McALEVEY of Waterboro, WATSON of Farmingdale. **Public Hearing** 02/12/97. House: Indefinitely Postponed 03/27/98, Senate: Minority ONTP Accepted 03/27/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 03/27/98.

LD 76 HP0051

An Act to Amend the Uniform Health Care Decisions Law. **Presented by** Representative CARLETON of Wells. **Public Hearing** 01/22/97. House: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98, Adhere to Failed Engrossment 03/25/98; Senate: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98, Engrossed 03/24/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 03/25/98.

LD 253 HP0200

Original Title: An Act to Require a Search Warrant to Investigate Private Property for the Purpose of Forestry Examinations. **New Title:** An Act Concerning Entry to Investigate Private Property for the Purpose of Forestry Examinations. **Presented by** Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland; Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, FOSTER of Gray, GERRY of Auburn, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish, STEDMAN of Hartland, WINSOR of Norway, Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 12/16/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-975. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 694.

LD 582 HP0432

An Act to Amend the Procedures for Medical Malpractice Screenings. **Presented by** Representative JABAR of Waterville. **Public Hearing** 04/15/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 869 SP0261

An Act to Amend the Statute of Limitations for Health Care Providers and Health Care Practitioners to Include a Discovery Rule. **Presented by** Senator RAND of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn. **Public Hearing** 04/15/97. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/19/98.

JUDICIARY (Cont.)

LD 916 **HP0663**

An Act to Allow Physician-assisted Deaths for the Terminally Ill. **Presented by** Representative BROOKS of Winterport; Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: BARTH of Bethel, COWGER of Hallowell, FARNSWORTH of Portland, JONES of Bar Harbor, LINDAHL of Northport, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 02/12/98.

LD 964 **HP0700**

An Act to Transfer Certain Tribal Holdings into a Trust. **Presented by** Representative MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. **Public Hearing** 03/06/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1050 **HP0773**

An Act to Revise the Prelitigation Malpractice Screening Panel Procedures, Criteria and Composition. **Presented by** Representative SAVAGE of Union. **Public Hearing** 04/15/97. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/03/98.

LD 1057 **SP0317**

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Wrongful Death and Recoveries for Wrongful Death. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 04/15/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 1062 **SP0322**

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission. (Submitted by the Judicial Compensation Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1701.) **Public Hearing** 03/17/97. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 1181 **HP0864**

An Act to Change the Comparative Negligence Laws. **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Portland; Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor. **Public Hearing** 04/15/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1193 **HP0876**

An Act to Permit a Suit Against an Employer Who Knowingly Places a Worker at Risk of Serious Bodily Injury or Death. **Presented by** Representative BOLDUC of Auburn; Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FISHER of Brewer, HATCH of Skowhegan, MUSE of South Portland, ROWE of Portland, SAMSON of Jay, STANLEY of Medway. **Public Hearing** 03/21/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

JUDICIARY (Cont.)

LD 1208 HP0891

An Act to Allow the Courts to Suspend the Drivers' Licenses of Individuals Convicted of Civil Offenses Who Fail to Pay Their Fines within the Time Limits Ordered by the Court. **Presented by** Representative GOOLEY of Farmington; Cosponsored by Senator BENOIT of Franklin and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CARLETON of Wells, CLARK of Millinocket, DESMOND of Mapleton, DEXTER of Kingfield, JOY of Crystal, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, O'BRIEN of Augusta. **Public Hearing** 04/10/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 1328 HP0965

An Act to Enact the Uniform Transfer on Death Security Registration Act. **Presented by** Representative NASS of Acton; Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and Representative CARLETON of Wells, Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 04/03/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** CA H-860. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 627.

LD 1372 HP0992

Original Title: An Act to Unify the Court System. **New Title:** Resolve, Directing the Judicial Department to Develop Recommendations to Implement Court Unification. **Presented by** Representative JABAR of Waterville. **Public Hearing** 03/27/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-861, HA/CA H-962. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/02/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 107.

LD 1384 SP0438

An Act to Reform Procedure in Multiparty Lawsuits. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 04/15/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1482 SP0480

Original Title: An Act to Expand the Duties of the Violations Bureau and Enhance the Enforcement of Civil Violations. **New Title:** Resolve, to Establish a Plan to Enhance the Enforcement of Civil and Criminal Violations. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 04/28/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-549. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/01/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 103.

LD 1583 HP1127

An Act to Establish the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. **Presented by** Representative TAYLOR of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 04/30/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1636 SP0531

An Act to Make Mediation Mandatory in Medical Malpractice Proceedings. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 05/02/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

JUDICIARY (Cont.)

LD 1670 HP1179

An Act to Limit Indemnification in Construction Contracts. **Presented by** Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden; Cosponsored by Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, MADORE of Augusta, NASS of Acton, Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/20/98.

LD 1728 SP0571

An Act to Promote Professional Competence and Improve Patient Care. **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock. **Public Hearing** 05/02/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA S-543. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 697.

LD 1729 SP0572

An Act to Require Health-care Providers to Honor Do Not Resuscitate Orders. **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, BUMPS of China. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 1784 HP1257

An Act to Expedite the Operation of Prelitigation Screening Panels under the Maine Health Security Act. **Presented by** Representative THOMPSON of Naples. **Public Hearing** 05/02/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1786 HP1259

An Act to Adopt the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act. **Presented by** Representative LANE of Enfield; Cosponsored by Representatives: BODWELL of Brunswick, GIERINGER of Portland, JOY of Crystal, KASPRZAK of Newport, LAYTON of Cherryfield, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, PLOWMAN of Hampden, STEDMAN of Hartland. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1793 HP1266

An Act Regarding the Activities of Nonprofit Corporations. **Presented by** Representative THOMPSON of Naples. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/02/98.

LD 1807 HP1277

An Act to Provide for Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators. **Presented by** Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden; Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BODWELL of Brunswick, GERRY of Auburn, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish, UNDERWOOD of Mechanic Falls, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/01/98.

JUDICIARY (Cont.)

LD 1913 HP1362

An Act to Clarify the Confidentiality of Public Employee Information. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples. **Public Hearing** 02/25/98.

Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-998, SA/CA S-718. **Final**

Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 770.

LD 1916 HP1366

An Act to Provide for the Termination of Spousal Support upon the Death of the Payor. (Submitted by the Family Law Advisory Commission pursuant to Maine Revised

Statutes, Title 19-A, section 354, subsection 2.) **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM

Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** CA H-862. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed

03/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 629.

LD 1919 HP1369

An Act to Inform Crime Victims about the Disposition of Charges. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative NASS of Acton. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM

Accepted 03/09/98. **Amended by:** CA H-840. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed

03/23/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 615.

LD 1930 SP0695

An Act to Protect the Privacy of Alternative Dispute Resolution Participants. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo; Cosponsored by Senators: CLEVELAND

of Androscoggin, LAWRENCE of York. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:**

Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1938 HP1384

Original Title: Resolve, Directing the Preparation of a Bill to Make Nonsubstantive Changes to the State's Criminal Statutes. **New Title:** Resolve, Directing the Preparation

of a Bill to Make Technical Changes to the State's Criminal Statutes. (Submitted by the

Judicial Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative

THOMPSON of Naples. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98.

Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-943. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally

Passed, Signed 04/01/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 105.

LD 1953 HP1401

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission Relating to the Names of Geographic Features in Passamaquoddy Territory.

(Submitted by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission pursuant to Resolve 1997,

chapter 45.) **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:**

CA H-944. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter

650.

JUDICIARY (Cont.)

LD 1961 HP1403

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission Relating to Tribal Land Use Regulation. (Submitted by the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 45.) **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. Conference Committee Report Accepted - Unable to Agree 04/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 04/03/98.

LD 1978 HP1414

An Act to Extend Legal Counsel in Child Protection Cases. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative GAGNE of Buckfield; Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, JONES of Bar Harbor, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, WINSOR of Norway, Senator BENNETT of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1988 HP1424

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Liability Associated with Juvenile Offenders Who Participate in Community Service Programs. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative PIEH of Bremen; Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MUSE of South Portland, O'BRIEN of Augusta, PEAVEY of Woolwich, POVICH of Ellsworth, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** CA H-863. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/24/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 619.

LD 2036 HP1445

An Act to Amend the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative Loring of the Penobscot Nation; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, CHICK of Lebanon, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. OTP Accepted 03/05/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 595.

LD 2058 HP1467

An Act to Ensure That Lump-sum Workers' Compensation Settlements Are Credited to Child Support Obligations. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BRAGDON of Bangor; Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, BROOKS of Winterport, BUMPS of China, CAMPBELL of Holden, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, KANE of Saco, LOVETT of Scarborough, MADORE of Augusta. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** CA H-864. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 654.

JUDICIARY (Cont.)

LD 2067 SP0760

An Act to Prevent Employment Discrimination Due to Medical History. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 2079 HP1480

Original Title: An Act to Amend the Definition of Design Professional. **New Title:** An Act to Clarify the Role of Design Professionals under the Maine Human Rights Act. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative JABAR of Waterville. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/12/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-855. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 630.

LD 2081 HP1482

An Act to Amend the Charter of the State Young Men's Christian Association of Maine. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative McKEE of Wayne; Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, CHICK of Lebanon, FOSTER of Gray, JOY of Crystal, QUINT of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield, THOMPSON of Naples, Senator TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 2090 HP1491

An Act to Protect Victims of Domestic Abuse from Eviction. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, JONES of Bar Harbor, MERES of Norridgewock, STEVENS of Orono, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox. **Public Hearing** 02/25/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 2097 HP1498

An Act to Simplify Corporate Filings. (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative THOMPSON of Naples. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/12/98. **Amended by:** CA H-854. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 633.

LD 2132 HP1510

An Act to Repeal the Sunsets on Certain Child Support Enforcement Remedies. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative NASS of Acton. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** CA H-865, HA/CA H-916. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 669.

JUDICIARY (Cont.)

LD 2168 HP1541

An Act to Encourage Adoptions and Reduce the Number of Children in Foster Care in the State. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BRAGDON of Bangor; Cosponsored by Representatives: KANE of Saco, MADORE of Augusta, QUINT of Portland, Senator PARADIS of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 02/25/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 2173 SP0803

An Act to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in the Laws of Maine. (Submitted pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 94.) **No Public Hearing.** OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98. **Amended by:** CA S-622. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 683.

LD 2183 HP1554

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Intellectual Property Rights. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle; Cosponsored by Representatives: KONTOS of Windham, TESSIER of Fairfield, VEDRAL of Buxton, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENNETT of Oxford, CATHCART of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/25/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 2234 HP1607

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Rules Governing the Implementation of Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **No Public Hearing.** Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA H-940, HB H-1059. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/03/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 111.

LD 2246 SP0838

An Act to Require Expeditious Action in Child Protection Cases. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York; Cosponsored by Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, MITCHELL of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, MITCHELL of Portland, PLOWMAN of Hampden. **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA S-560. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 715.

LABOR

LD 174 HP0132

An Act to Increase Health Insurance Benefits for Retired Educators. **Presented by** Representative LEMAIRE of Lewiston; Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BOLDUC of Auburn, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, McKEE of Wayne, SAXL of Bangor, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. **Public Hearing** 02/11/97. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 196 HP0154

An Act to Require the State to Pay Medicare Costs for Retired State Employees and Retired Teachers. **Presented by** Representative HATCH of Skowhegan; Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FISHER of Brewer, RICHARD of Madison, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Portland, Senator RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/11/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/02/98.

LD 300 HP0236

An Act to Prohibit an Employer from Hiring Replacement Workers during a Strike. **Presented by** Representative SAMSON of Jay; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BERRY of Livermore, BOLDUC of Auburn, HATCH of Skowhegan, JONES of Bar Harbor, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, RINES of Wiscasset, STANLEY of Medway. **Public Hearing** 03/14/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 568 HP0418

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study Poverty Among Working Parents with Regard to Raising the Minimum Wage. **Presented by** Representative POVICH of Ellsworth; Cosponsored by Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 03/06/97. **Final Disposition:** Veto Sustained 04/08/98.

LD 633 HP0462

An Act to Provide a Cost-of-living Adjustment to Minimum Wage Earners. **Presented by** Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, BULL of Freeport, CLARK of Millinocket, HATCH of Skowhegan, SAMSON of Jay, STANLEY of Medway, Senators: RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 03/06/97. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/03/98.

LD 688 HP0497

An Act to Increase Maine's Minimum Wage. **Presented by** Representative VOLENIK of Brooklin; Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: CHARTRAND of Rockland, GAGNE of Buckfield, HATCH of Skowhegan, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Portland, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 03/06/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LABOR (Cont.)

LD 835 HP0610

Resolve, Instructing the Workers' Compensation Board to Study and Make Recommendations Regarding the Occupational Disease Law. **Presented by** Representative WINSOR of Norway. **Public Hearing** 03/20/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/06/98. **Amended by:** CA H-814. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 03/23/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 94.

LD 999 HP0735

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Contractual Obligation for Members of the Maine State Retirement System. **Presented by** Representative HATCH of Skowhegan; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, RINES of Wiscasset, SAMSON of Jay, STANLEY of Medway. **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. House: Majority OTP Accepted 03/30/98, Finally Passed 04/01/98, Adhere to Final Passage 04/08/98; Senate: Adhere to Failed Final Passage 04/08/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/08/98.

LD 1100 HP0812

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Vesting in the Maine State Retirement System. **Presented by** Representative HATCH of Skowhegan; Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, KONTOS of Windham, LEMONT of Kittery, RINES of Wiscasset, SAMSON of Jay, TUTTLE of Sanford, WHEELER of Eliot, Senator TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 03/25/97. **Final Disposition:** Died on Adjournment 04/09/98.

LD 1192 HP0875

An Act to Provide Adjustments to Accommodate Increases in the Cost of Living for Injured Workers. **Presented by** Representative SAMSON of Jay; Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BERRY of Livermore, GAGNE of Buckfield, HATCH of Skowhegan, RINES of Wiscasset, STANLEY of Medway, VOLENIK of Brooklin, WRIGHT of Berwick. **Public Hearing** 04/03/97. **Final Disposition:** Veto Sustained 04/08/98.

LD 1318 HP0955

Original Title: An Act to Clarify the Doctrine of Res Judicata in Workers' Compensation Cases. **New Title:** An Act to Clarify the Application of Law in Workers' Compensation Cases. **Presented by** Representative HATCH of Skowhegan; Cosponsored by Representatives: FRECHETTE of Biddeford, RINES of Wiscasset, SAMSON of Jay, SHANNON of Lewiston, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 04/11/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-907. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 647.

LABOR (Cont.)

LD 1370 HP0990

Resolve, to Create Pension Portability for State and Local Government. **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, KONTOS of Windham, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MITCHELL of Portland, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: MILLS of Somerset, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PINGREE of Knox. **Public Hearing** 03/25/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/02/98.

LD 1454 HP1037

An Act to Amend the Prevailing Wage Laws. **Presented by** Representative WRIGHT of Berwick; Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, HATCH of Skowhegan, LEMONT of Kittery, MAYO of Bath, RINES of Wiscasset, SAMSON of Jay, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway. **Public Hearing** 05/01/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/06/98. **Amended by:** CB H-804, SA S-772, SA/CB S-475. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 757.

LD 1457 HP1040

An Act to Extend the Period for Payment of Workers' Compensation Benefits. **Presented by** Representative CLARK of Millinocket; Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, HATCH of Skowhegan, RINES of Wiscasset, SAMSON of Jay, STANLEY of Medway, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 04/11/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 1567 SP0505

Original Title: An Act to Reinstate Limited Rehabilitation Benefits under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 for Those with Long-term Disabilities. **New Title:** An Act to Require the Workers' Compensation Board to Evaluate Rehabilitation in the Workers' Compensation System and to Develop a System for Collecting Rehabilitation Data. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 04/11/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-519. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 649.

LD 1708 HP1208

Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Issue of Discrimination against Veterans in Workers' Compensation Cases. **Presented by** Representative LANE of Enfield; Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DEXTER of Kingfield, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MERES of Norridgewock, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 04/29/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LABOR (Cont.)

LD 1847 HP1304

Original Title: An Act to Modify the Retirement Laws for the 38th Training Troop of the Maine State Police. **New Title:** An Act to Modify the Retirement Laws for Certain Law Enforcement Officers. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, MAYO of Bath, PAUL of Sanford, PINKHAM of Lamoine, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 05/09/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** SC (Changed Title) S-717. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 740.

LD 1910 HP1359

An Act to Grant the Treasurer of State Full Voting Rights on the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System. (Submitted by the Treasury Department pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative HATCH of Skowhegan; Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: SAMSON of Jay, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA H-868. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/26/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 625.

LD 1936 HP1381

An Act Regarding Pension Benefits for Former Governors. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/18/98.

LD 1949 HP1395

An Act to Allow Maine Technical College System Employees Represented by the Maine Education Association Faculty and Administrative Units to Participate in a Defined Contribution Retirement Plan. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, HATCH of Skowhegan, McELROY of Unity, RICHARD of Madison, TREADWELL of Carmel, Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1027, SA/CA S-720. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 763.

LD 1954 SP0706

Original Title: An Act to Restore Certain Provisions Related to Earnable Compensation for State Employee and Teacher Members of the Maine State Retirement System. **New Title:** An Act to Amend the Laws of the Maine State Retirement System. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and Senator CATHCART of Penobscot, Representative COLWELL of Gardiner. **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-550. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 651.

LABOR (Cont.)

LD 1955 SP0707

Original Title: An Act to Restore the Normal Retirement Age for State Employees and Teachers. **New Title:** An Act to Amend the Health Insurance Benefits of State Employees and Teachers Who Retire or Terminate Service. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator CATHCART of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and Senators: RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-623. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 652.

LD 1956 SP0708

An Act to Extend the Prevailing Wage Laws to the Maine Turnpike Authority. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator CATHCART of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Senators: MILLS of Somerset, RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec, Representative HATCH of Skowhegan. **Public Hearing** 01/29/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/05/98. **Amended by:** CA S-463. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 743.

LD 1962 SP0719

An Act to Apply ERISA Standards to Pension Benefits for Teachers and State Employees to Clarify that They Are Nonforfeitable Once Accrued. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/30/98.

LD 1964 SP0721

Resolve, to Ensure that Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Are Provided in an Efficient, Accessible and Cost-effective Manner. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: BUMPS of China, JONES of Greenville, KERR of Old Orchard Beach. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/25/98. **Amended by:** CA S-460. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 03/12/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 90.

LD 1977 HP1413

An Act to Revise the Hazardous Occupations Provisions of the Child Labor Laws. (Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative HATCH of Skowhegan; Cosponsored by Representatives: LEMAIRE of Lewiston, RINES of Wiscasset, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 01/29/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/03/98. **Amended by:** CA H-813. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 597.

LABOR (Cont.)

LD 1994 HP1430

Original Title: An Act to Establish a Migrant Worker Assistance Office in Central Maine. **New Title:** An Act to Establish a Migrant and Immigrant Worker Assistance Office in Central Maine. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative LEMAIRE of Lewiston; Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, HATCH of Skowhegan, SAMSON of Jay, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senator JENKINS of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-869. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/24/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 620.

LD 1997 HP1433

An Act to Expand Access to Employment Security Data to Authorized Agents of Child Support Enforcement Agencies. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, RINES of Wiscasset, SAMSON of Jay. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. OTP Accepted 03/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 687.

LD 1999 HP1435

An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Portion of the Health Insurance Premium for Dependents of Retired State Employees. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative RINES of Wiscasset; Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, HATCH of Skowhegan, SAMSON of Jay. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 2007 HP1443

An Act to Establish the Administrative Operating Budget for the Maine State Retirement System for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1999. (Submitted by the Maine State Retirement System pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17103, subsection 13.) **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA H-870. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/30/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 73.

LD 2096 HP1497

An Act to Give Collective Bargaining Rights to Legislative Employees. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative LINDAHL of Northport. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/07/98. **Amended by:** HA/HC H-1166, HC H-950. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 741.

LD 2116 SP0789

An Act to Limit Mandatory Overtime. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Veto Sustained 04/08/98.

LABOR (Cont.)

LD 2121 HP1499

An Act to Repeal Certain Changes Made to State Employee and Teacher Retirement Benefits. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BERRY of Belmont; Cosponsored by Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, DUNLAP of Old Town, JOY of Crystal, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SKOGLUND of St. George, USHER of Westbrook, VEDRAL of Buxton, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, DAGGETT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Died on Adjournment 04/09/98.

LD 2125 HP1503

An Act to Improve Public Sector Labor Relations. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative HATCH of Skowhegan; Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway, Senator TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-937, SA/CA S-569, SD/CA S-776. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 773.

LD 2135 HP1513

Original Title: An Act to Restore Retirement Benefits for Law Enforcement and Correctional Personnel. **New Title:** An Act to Establish a Uniform Special Retirement Plan for State Law Enforcement Personnel, Maine State Prison Personnel, Emergency Personnel, Other Employee Groups That, Prior to September 1, 1984, Had Special Retirement Plans and Certain Emergency Personnel and to Revise the Restoration to Service Requirements. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SKOGLUND of St. George; Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, CHARTRAND of Rockland, HATCH of Skowhegan, SAMSON of Jay, SAVAGE of Union, SAXL of Portland, VOLENIK of Brooklin. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/31/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-1118. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 769.

LD 2146 HP1524

An Act to Amend the Laws Concerning Participating Local Districts in the Maine State Retirement System. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative HATCH of Skowhegan; Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, PENDLETON of Scarborough, RINES of Wiscasset, ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Portland, STANLEY of Medway, Senator TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1009. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 709.

LD 2186 HP1557

An Act to Create the Maine Temporary Disability Benefits Law. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative CAMERON of Rumford. **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LABOR (Cont.)

LD 2201 HP1567

An Act to Clarify the Responsibilities of Certain Divisions in the Department of Labor. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CAMPBELL of Holden, RICHARD of Madison, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, KIEFFER of Aroostook, MITCHELL of Penobscot, RUHLIN of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 03/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

LD 2230 HP1604

An Act to Implement the Majority Report Recommendations of the Commission to Study the Unemployment Compensation System. (Submitted by the Commission to Study the Unemployment Compensation System pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 65.) **Public Hearing** 03/12/98. Minority OTP-AM Accepted 04/07/98. **Amended by:** CB H-1101, SC/CB S-771. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 745.

LD 2231 HP1605

An Act to Implement the Minority Report Recommendations of the Commission to Study the Unemployment Compensation System. (Submitted by the Commission to Study the Unemployment Compensation System pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 65.) **Public Hearing** 03/12/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/25/98.

LD 2266 SP0853

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with Disabilities. (Submitted by the Commission to Study the Funding and Distribution of Teletypewriters and Other Telecommunications Equipment for People with Disabilities pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 72.) **Public Hearing** 03/18/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-572, SA/CA S-744. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/15/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 751.

LD 2274 HP1642

An Act to Permit Employees to Resume Receiving Unemployment Benefits in Certain Cases. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative TUTTLE of Sanford; Cosponsored by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CLARK of Millinocket, HATCH of Skowhegan, SAMSON of Jay, STANLEY of Medway, Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 03/17/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

LD 341 HP0277

Original Title: An Act to Open a Discount State Liquor Store in Calais. **New Title:** An Act to Open a Discount State Liquor Store in Calais and Conduct a Study Concerning the Opening of a Store in Fort Kent. **Presented by** Representative DRISCOLL of Calais. **Public Hearing** 02/20/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CB (Changed Title) H-934, SB/CB S-636. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 755.

LD 708 HP0517

An Act to Protect Small, Independent Businesses Not Meeting Minimum Lottery Sales Requirements. **Presented by** Representative FULLER of Manchester; Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, O'NEAL of Limestone, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 03/06/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 989 HP0725

An Act to Grandfather Existing Structures in Relation to Fire Doors and Exits. **Presented by** Representative TUTTLE of Sanford; Cosponsored by Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, PAUL of Sanford, Senator MacKINNON of York. **Public Hearing** 04/28/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/02/98.

LD 1072 HP0784

An Act Pertaining to the Sanford National Guard Armory. **Presented by** Representative TUTTLE of Sanford; Cosponsored by Senator MacKINNON of York and Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, NASS of Acton, PAUL of Sanford, SAXL of Portland, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 03/20/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/02/98.

LD 1676 HP1185

An Act to Preserve Live Harness Racing in the State. **Presented by** Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro; Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, LABRECQUE of Gorham, SAVAGE of Union, TRUE of Fryeburg, VIGUE of Winslow. **Public Hearing** 04/29/97. House: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98, Insist on Engrossment 04/03/98, Conference Committee 04/03/98; Senate: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98, Indefinitely Postponed 04/03/98, Adhere to Indefinite Postponement 04/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/03/98.

LD 1799 HP1273

An Act to Privatize Liquor Sales. **Presented by** Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach; Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 1827 SP0624

An Act to Authorize the Operation of Video Gaming Terminals by Certain Nonprofit Organizations. **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town and Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, FERGUSON of Oxford, MICHAUD of Penobscot, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: MUSE of South Portland, TRUE of Fryeburg. **Public Hearing** 04/29/97. **Final Disposition:** Minority ONTP Accepted 03/31/98.

LD 1828 SP0626

An Act to Preserve Financial Integrity of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations. **Presented by** Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1846 HP1303

An Act to Prohibit the Opening of Liquor Stores on the Maine Turnpike. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle; Cosponsored by Representatives: GERRY of Auburn, LABRECQUE of Gorham, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SAVAGE of Union, STEDMAN of Hartland, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator AMERO of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Died on Adjournment 04/09/98.

LD 1876 HP1327

Resolve, to Allow Certain Employees to Continue to Sue the State to Recover Wages Improperly Denied under Federal Wage and Hour Laws. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland, Senators: PINGREE of Knox, RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 05/21/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/27/98.

LD 1915 HP1365

An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Filing of Municipal Campaign Reports. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative CIANCHETTE of South Portland. **Public Hearing** 01/13/98. OTP Accepted 02/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 02/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 567.

LD 1917 SP0686

An Act to Amend the Election Laws. (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 01/13/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/11/98. **Amended by:** CA S-451. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 581.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 1932 SP0698

An Act to Promote Competition in the State's Liquor Industry. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative BUCK of Yarmouth. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1940 HP1387

An Act to Standardize Poll Opening Times. (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative TRUE of Fryeburg; Cosponsored by Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, McALEVEY of Waterboro, PENDLETON of Scarborough, PINKHAM of Brunswick, PINKHAM of Lamoine, TESSIER of Fairfield. **Public Hearing** 01/13/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/04/98.

LD 2016 SP0738

An Act to Allow an Agency Liquor Store to Exchange Products with a State Liquor Store. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator BENNETT of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 2028 SP0750

An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Chief of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to Conduct Appeal Hearings. (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 02/03/98. OTP Accepted 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 02/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 571.

LD 2046 HP1455

An Act to Improve Voter Participation. (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative TESSIER of Fairfield; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FISHER of Brewer, GAGNE of Buckfield, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/05/98. Conference Committee Report Accepted - Unable to Agree 04/01/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 04/01/98.

LD 2047 HP1456

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Governor's Advisory Committee on Gambling. (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative TRUE of Fryeburg; Cosponsored by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford and Representatives: FISHER of Brewer, GAMACHE of Lewiston, Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/05/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-965. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 684.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2052 HP1461

Resolve, Authorizing Dan Corey and Nu Seed Corporation of Monticello to Sue the State of Maine. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater; Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Wallagrass, BELANGER of Caribou, CLUKEY of Houlton, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, JOY of Crystal, KNEELAND of Easton, O'NEAL of Limestone. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 2054 HP1463

An Act to Make Voting Places Handicapped Accessible. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative STEVENS of Orono; Cosponsored by Representatives: SAXL of Bangor, SAXL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/05/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 2075 HP1476

Resolve, to Allow David Prentiss to Sue the State of Maine. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative O'NEAL of Limestone; Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and Representatives: SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Pocket Veto.

LD 2082 HP1483

An Act to Improve the Integrity of the Citizen Initiative Process. (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: SAXL of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-938. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/30/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 637.

LD 2091 HP1492

Original Title: An Act Providing for Additional Elections for Ties for School Board Membership. **New Title:** An Act Providing for Additional Meetings in the Event of a Tie Vote at Town Meetings. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative WRIGHT of Berwick; Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GAGNE of Buckfield, TESSIER of Fairfield, TUTTLE of Sanford, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-988, HA/CA H-1072. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 733.

LD 2113 SP0786

An Act to Establish Ethical Standards for the Office of Governor. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, CAREY of Kennebec, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland, TRUE of Fryeburg. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. House: Majority ONTP Accepted 03/25/98, Adhere to Majority ONTP 04/01/98; Senate: Minority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98, Adhere to Minority OTP-AM 03/27/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/01/98.

LD 2124 HP1502

An Act to Allow Liquor Licenses for Commercial Vessels. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative THOMPSON of Naples. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-915. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 656.

LD 2155 SP0797

An Act to Encourage Hospitality Industry Development in the State. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative VIGUE of Winslow and Senators: MITCHELL of Penobscot, O'GARA of Cumberland, Representative POVICH of Ellsworth. **Public Hearing** 02/12/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA S-532. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 659.

LD 2157 SP0800

Original Title: Resolve, Compensating the Estate of Barbara Maxfield for Claims against the State. **New Title:** Resolve, to Allow the Estate of Barbara Maxfield to Sue the State. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc; Cosponsored by Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham. **Public Hearing** 02/24/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA S-494, SA/CA (Changed Title) S-529. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/16/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 126.

LD 2159 HP1532

An Act to Establish an Advisory Commission on Women Veterans. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative TUTTLE of Sanford; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: BELANGER of Wallagrass, BIGL of Bucksport, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, GAMACHE of Lewiston, LABRECQUE of Gorham, TESSIER of Fairfield, TRUE of Fryeburg, Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-964. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 742.

LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (Cont.)

LD 2165 HP1538

An Act to Promote the Expansion of Pari-mutuel Simulcast Wagering. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative VIGUE of Winslow; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, POULIN of Oakland, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUTTLE of Sanford. **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 2169 HP1542

Original Title: An Act to Reduce Costs and Increase Efficiency of the Regulation and Promotion of Harness Racing. **New Title:** An Act Regarding the Employment of Harness Race Track Officials. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach; Cosponsored by Representative MACK of Standish, Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-981, SA S-583. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 735.

LD 2202 HP1569

An Act Regarding Veterans' Benefits. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative TUTTLE of Sanford; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FISHER of Brewer, GAGNE of Buckfield, TRUE of Fryeburg, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 03/05/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/24/98.

LD 2212 SP0823

An Act to Amend the Authority of the Adjutant General to Sell Armories, to Increase the Authorized Size of the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery and to Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to Purchase Land in Houlton for a New Public Safety Facility. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth and Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot, Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township. **Public Hearing** 03/05/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-556, SA/CA S-581, SB S-582. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 783.

LD 2242 SP0836

An Act to Enter into the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator PINGREE of Knox; Cosponsored by Representative WINGLASS of Auburn and Senators: LaFOUNTAIN of York, LONGLEY of Waldo, NUTTING of Androscoggin, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: KONTOS of Windham, LINDAHL of Northport, NICKERSON of Turner, WINSOR of Norway. **Public Hearing** 03/17/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA S-591, SA/CA S-741. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 780.

MARINE RESOURCES

LD 1445 HP1028

An Act to Establish a Requirement That Holders of Lobster Fishing Licenses Must Own or Control the Vessel from Which They Conduct Authorized Activities. **Presented by** Representative ETNIER of Harpswell; Cosponsored by Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, LEMONT of Kittery, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 03/31/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1028. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 693.

LD 1478 SP0476

Original Title: An Act to Decriminalize Various Marine Resource Violations and Enhance Collectibility of Associated Penalties. **New Title:** An Act to Clarify Various Marine Resources Violations and Enhance the Collectibility of Associated Penalties. **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 03/24/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/12/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-493. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 628.

LD 1968 SP0726

An Act to Implement a Reorganization of the Maine Sardine Council by the Maine Sardine Industry. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell. **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-557, SA S-595. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 706.

LD 1998 HP1434

An Act to Increase the Cap on the Total Acreage of Aquaculture Leases That May Be Held by One Person. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative ETNIER of Harpswell; Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representative HONEY of Boothbay, Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock. **Public Hearing** 01/29/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/03/98. **Amended by:** CA H-802. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/18/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 609.

LD 2011 SP0733

An Act to Correct Certain Inconsistencies in the Marine Resources Laws. (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell. **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. OTP Accepted 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 02/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 572.

LD 2014 SP0736

An Act Concerning Elver Fishing. (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell and Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, LAYTON of Cherryfield, PINKHAM of Lamoine. **Public Hearing** 01/22/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/18/98. **Amended by:** CA S-454. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 02/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 575.

MARINE RESOURCES (Cont.)

LD 2021 SP0743

An Act Concerning Commercial Fishing in the Vicinity of Monhegan Island. (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by Representative HONEY of Boothbay and Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, KILKELLY of Lincoln, MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BIGL of Bucksport, LEMONT of Kittery, LINDAHL of Northport, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 01/27/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 02/26/98. **Amended by:** CA S-464. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 02/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 574.

LD 2026 SP0748

An Act Concerning Lobster Policy Management Council Referenda. (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by Representative ETNIER of Harpswell. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2127 HP1505

Original Title: An Act to Make a Nonresident Municipal Shellfish License Fee No More than 1 1/2 Times the Resident Fee. **New Title:** An Act to Amend the Nonresident Municipal Shellfish License Fee. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative CHARTRAND of Rockland; Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representatives: LINDAHL of Northport, POWERS of Rockport, SKOGLUND of St. George. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/25/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-800. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/12/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 589.

LD 2145 HP1523

An Act Concerning the Taking of Marine Resources by Members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MOORE of the Passamaquoddy Tribe; Cosponsored by Representatives: GOODWIN of Pembroke, JONES of Bar Harbor, PERKINS of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA H-983, SA/CA S-599. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 708.

LD 2176 HP1547

An Act Concerning Sea Urchin Management. (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative ETNIER of Harpswell. **Public Hearing** 02/19/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1026. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 685.

MARINE RESOURCES (Cont.)

LD 2226 HP1597

An Act to Limit New Lobster and Crab Fishing Licenses. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 250, section 9.) **Public Hearing** 03/10/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1004, SA/CA S-739. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 747.

LD 2235 HP1608

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2.10: Aquaculture Lease Regulations, Lease Categories and Environmental Baseline, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Marine Resources. (Submitted by the Department of Marine Resources pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **No Public Hearing.** OTP Accepted 03/05/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 03/18/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 93.

NATURAL RESOURCES

LD 80 HP0055

An Act to Protect Internal Waters of the State. **Presented by** Representative PAUL of Sanford; Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CHICK of Lebanon, FISHER of Brewer, O'NEAL of Limestone, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TUTTLE of Sanford, VIGUE of Winslow, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 04/28/97. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 660 HP0489

Original Title: An Act to Opt out of the Federal Requirement to Use Reformulated Fuel. **New Title:** Resolve, Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to Study Alternative Fuels. **Presented by** Representative TRIPP of Topsham; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, CHARTRAND of Rockland, CLUKEY of Houlton, GERRY of Auburn, LEMONT of Kittery, LOVETT of Scarborough, PAUL of Sanford, TREADWELL of Carmel, TRUE of Fryeburg, Senator LIBBY of York. **Public Hearing** 04/04/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/01/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-1037, CCB/CA S-783. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 791.

LD 1836 HP1291

An Act to Facilitate Delegation of the Federal Waste Discharge Permitting Program. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative COWGER of Hallowell; Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, FOSTER of Gray, MERES of Norridgewock, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 05/05/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-910, SA/CA S-705. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 794.

LD 1918 HP1368

An Act to Clarify the Definition of Functionally Water-dependent Use as it Pertains to the Shoreland Zone. (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative JONES of Greenville; Cosponsored by Representative McKEE of Wayne. **Public Hearing** 01/23/98. Bill Substituted for the Report 04/01/98. **Amended by:** SA S-658. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/10/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 726.

LD 1944 HP1391

An Act to Encourage the Use of Environmental Fines for Environmental Benefits. (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative COWGER of Hallowell; Cosponsored by Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham. **Public Hearing** 01/23/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 02/12/98. **Amended by:** CA H-786. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 02/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 570.

LD 1972 HP1408

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Interagency Committee on Outdoor Trash Burning. (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 512.) **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/03/98. **Amended by:** CA H-797, CCA H-995. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 672.

NATURAL RESOURCES (Cont.)

LD 2092 HP1493

An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Pertaining to the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality. (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative COWGER of Hallowell. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/02/98. **Amended by:** CA H-812. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 603.

LD 2095 HP1496

An Act to Clarify Certain Laws Pertaining to the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management. (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative SHIAH of Bowdoinham. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/13/98. **Amended by:** CA H-866. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/26/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 624.

LD 2105 SP0778

An Act to Reduce Groundwater Contamination from Leaking Oil Storage Tanks. (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/11/98. **Amended by:** CA S-488. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/23/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 613.

LD 2111 SP0784

An Act to Reauthorize the Toxics and Hazardous Waste Reduction Laws. (Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative ROWE of Portland and Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, MICHAUD of Penobscot, MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, McKEE of Wayne. **Public Hearing** 02/13/98. House: Minority OTP-AM Accepted 04/07/98, Engrossed 04/07/98, Adhere to Engrossment 04/08/98; Senate: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/03/98, Engrossed 04/07/98, Adhere to Engrossment 04/07/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/08/98.

LD 2119 SP0792

An Act to Clarify the Responsibilities of the Advisory Commission on Radioactive Waste during the Decommissioning of Maine Yankee. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, KILKELLY of Lincoln, LAWRENCE of York, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, ROWE of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham. **Public Hearing** 02/13/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-514, SA/CA S-540. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 700.

NATURAL RESOURCES (Cont.)

LD 2223 HP1594

An Act to Reduce Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles and to Meet Requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 57.) **Public Hearing** 03/04/98. Report A OTP-AM Accepted 03/31/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1050, HC/CA H-1165, HD/CA H-1168. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 786.

LD 2233 HP1606

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 231: Rules Relating to Drinking Water, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **Public Hearing** 03/09/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** CA H-993. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 04/03/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 114.

LD 2247 SP0843

An Act Relating to Dam Abandonment. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator TREAT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner and Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: SHIAH of Bowdoinham, WATSON of Farmingdale. **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-579, SA/CA S-742. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 789.

LD 2262 SP0849

An Act to Allow the Department of Environmental Protection to Process an Application by the Ivan Davis Family for a Hydropower Project at an Existing Dam on the St. George River. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator LONGLEY of Waldo; Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, DEXTER of Kingfield, FOSTER of Gray. **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/30/98.

LD 2265 HP1635

Original Title: An Act to Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution from Existing Sources. **New Title:** An Act to Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution from Existing Sources, Amend the Shoreland Zoning Laws and Amend the Site Location of Development Laws. (Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 67.) **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/02/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-1095. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 748.

NATURAL RESOURCES (Cont.)

LD 2269

SP0856

An Act to Reduce Mercury Use and Emissions. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative ROWE of Portland and Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, MITCHELL of Penobscot, NUTTING of Androscoggin, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, COWGER of Hallowell, DUNLAP of Old Town. **Public Hearing** 03/18/98. OTP-AM Accepted 04/01/98. **Amended by:** CA S-643. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/09/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 722.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

LD 77 HP0052

An Act to Change the Budgeting Process for York County. **Presented by** Representative JOYNER of Hollis; Cosponsored by Representatives: JOYCE of Biddeford, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MURPHY of Kennebunk. **Public Hearing** 04/04/97. House: Indefinitely Postponed 02/10/98; Senate: Minority ONTP Accepted 02/17/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 02/17/98.

LD 188 HP0145

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Minimum Qualifications for the Treasurer of State. **Presented by** Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle; Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, OTT of York, WINSOR of Norway, Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/10/97. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/16/98.

LD 361 HP0297

An Act to Encourage Regionalization of Municipal Services. **Presented by** Representative GAGNON of Waterville; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: O'NEIL of Saco, ROWE of Portland, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 03/17/97. House: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 02/17/98, Engrossed 03/20/98, Insist on Engrossment 03/25/98; Senate: Minority ONTP Accepted 03/19/98, Indefinitely Postponed 03/24/98, Insist on Indefinite Postponement 03/26/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 03/26/98.

LD 566 HP0416

An Act to Provide Computers for Use in the Legislature. **Presented by** Representative GERRY of Auburn; Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, SAXL of Portland, Senator RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 03/12/97. House: Report A OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98, Enacted 03/26/98, Insist on Enactment 04/08/98; Senate: Indefinitely Postpone 04/07/98, Adhere to Indefinite Postponement 04/08/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/08/98.

LD 1204 HP0887

An Act to Establish the Maine Disaster Relief Laws. **Presented by** Representative DAVIDSON of Brunswick; Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, ETNIER of Harpswell, GIERINGER of Portland, MITCHELL of Portland, SAXL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 04/02/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 02/23/98. **Amended by:** CA H-783, SB/CA S-483. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 600.

LD 1358 HP0978

An Act to Amend the Procedures for Finalizing the Kennebec County Budget. **Presented by** Representative JONES of Pittsfield; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, FULLER of Manchester, JABAR of Waterville, Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 04/04/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont.)

LD 1359 HP0979

An Act to Amend the Androscoggin County Budget Process. **Presented by** Representative BOUFFARD of Lewiston; Cosponsored by Senator JENKINS of Androscoggin and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, GAMACHE of Lewiston, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MAILHOT of Lewiston, NICKERSON of Turner, SHANNON of Lewiston, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, CLEVELAND of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 04/04/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1551 HP1108

An Act to Amend the Amount of Retainage on Public Building Contracts. **Presented by** Representative PLOWMAN of Hampden; Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, KASPRZAK of Newport, KNEELAND of Easton, LANE of Enfield, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 04/30/97. House: Minority ONTP Accepted 03/27/98, Insist on Minority ONTP 04/02/98, Adhere to Minority ONTP 04/03/98; Senate: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/01/98, Engrossed 04/03/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/03/98.

LD 1764 HP1244

An Act to Establish an Office of Regulatory Reform within the Executive Branch. **Presented by** Representative MACK of Standish; Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, BROOKS of Winterport, CAMPBELL of Holden, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, LANE of Enfield, LAYTON of Cherryfield, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, TREADWELL of Carmel. **Public Hearing** 04/30/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1777 SP0598

Original Title: An Act to Permit the Creation of Cooperative Municipal Fire Districts. **New Title:** An Act to Permit the Creation of Municipal Fire Districts. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative GAGNON of Waterville and Representatives: KANE of Saco, MADORE of Augusta. **Public Hearing** 05/05/97. Minority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-553. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 698.

LD 1934 HP1379

Resolve, to Transfer Spectacle Pond from the State of Maine to the Town of Vassalboro. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec. **No Public Hearing.** **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont.)

LD 1941 **HP1388**

An Act to Amend the Membership Requirement for the Cumberland County Budget Advisory Committee. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative LABRECQUE of Gorham. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/02/98. **Amended by:** CA H-811. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/09/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 584.

LD 1951 **HP1399**

An Act to Require Audits of Municipal Tax Assessment and Collection. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska; Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1974 **HP1410**

Original Title: An Act to Amend the Law Relating to Maintenance of Certain Nonpublic Roads. **New Title:** An Act Regarding Maintenance of Private Ways. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representative McKEE of Wayne, Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. Minority OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-1031, HC/CA (Changed Title) H-1085. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 682.

LD 1976 **HP1412**

An Act to Allow the York County Commissioners to Send Out Tax Bills to Towns Twice a Year. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative CHICK of Lebanon; Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and Representatives: CARLETON of Wells, DUNLAP of Old Town, JOYNER of Hollis, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, PAUL of Sanford, TRUE of Fryeburg, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WRIGHT of Berwick. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1984 **HP1420**

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Secession. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative DUTREMBLE of Biddeford; Cosponsored by Representatives: BUMPS of China, BOLDUC of Auburn, CARLETON of Wells, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, GIERINGER of Portland, LEMKE of Westbrook, SANBORN of Alton, Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York. **Public Hearing** 02/11/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1024. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 699.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont.)

LD 2008 SP0730

An Act to Clarify Mileage Reimbursement for Employees of Community Action Agencies. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/04/98. **Amended by:** CA S-474. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 601.

LD 2015 SP0737

An Act to Clarify the Law Requiring the Appointment of the Pineland Development Authority. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator BUTLAND of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representatives: BULL of Freeport, FOSTER of Gray, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA S-534. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 88.

LD 2059 HP1468

An Act to Repeal Certain Archaic and Unenforced Laws. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative PIEH of Bremen; Cosponsored by Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BULL of Freeport, COWGER of Hallowell, GAGNE of Buckfield, JONES of Greenville, MUSE of South Portland, BAGLEY of Machias, BOLDUC of Auburn, FULLER of Manchester, POWERS of Rockport, SKOGLUND of St. George, TESSIER of Fairfield, WHEELER of Eliot, WRIGHT of Berwick. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP Accepted 03/05/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/26/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 623.

LD 2085 HP1486

An Act to Provide for the Continuation of Town Government Despite a Failed Budget Referendum. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative WRIGHT of Berwick; Cosponsored by Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GAGNE of Buckfield, TESSIER of Fairfield, TUTTLE of Sanford, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 2098 SP0771

An Act to Improve the Integrity of Notaries Public. (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** CA S-590. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 712.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont.)

LD 2108 SP0781

An Act to Have a Referendum on Whether or Not an Independent Public Commission Should be Established to Set Legislative Pay. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Senators: KILKELLY of Lincoln, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, SAXL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. House: Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98, Adhere to Indefinite Postponement 04/08/98; Senate: Finally Passed 04/08/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/08/98.

LD 2112 SP0785

An Act Creating the InforME Public Information Act to Ensure Access to Electronic Public Records. (Submitted by the Secretary of State and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator LAWRENCE of York; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, TREAT of Kennebec, Representatives: BUMPS of China, CARLETON of Wells, ROWE of Portland, THOMPSON of Naples, TRUE of Fryeburg. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. Report A OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CA S-624. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 713.

LD 2114 SP0787

An Act Relating to the Qualifications of the Director of the Bureau of Human Resources. (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin; Cosponsored by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska and Senator LIBBY of York, Representative BAGLEY of Machias. **Public Hearing** 02/17/98. Majority OTP Accepted 03/17/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 632.

LD 2136 HP1514

An Act to Ensure Access to Confidential Records. (Submitted by the Department of Audit pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska; Cosponsored by Representatives: LEMKE of Westbrook, O'NEAL of Limestone. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1032. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 703.

LD 2147 HP1525

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to Archives and the Retention and Admissibility of Electronic Records. (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative LEMKE of Westbrook; Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CHICK of Lebanon, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, JONES of Bar Harbor, KNEELAND of Easton, McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'NEAL of Limestone, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-945. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/30/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 636.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont.)

LD 2148 HP1526

An Act to Grant the Joint Standing Committee Having Jurisdiction over Criminal Matters the Authority to Review the Appointments of the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Chief of the State Police. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative POVICH of Ellsworth; Cosponsored by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, FRECHETTE of Biddeford, JONES of Greenville, McALEVEY of Waterboro, MUSE of South Portland, PEAVEY of Woolwich, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. Report B OTP Accepted 03/16/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 657.

LD 2154 SP0796

An Act to Improve State House Utilization. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator RAND of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, LEMAIRE of Lewiston. **Public Hearing** 03/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA S-533. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 671.

LD 2181 HP1552

An Act Concerning Reporting Deadlines of Studies Authorized by Law. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator RAND of Cumberland and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, KONTOS of Windham, Senator AMERO of Cumberland. **No Public Hearing.** OTP Accepted 02/19/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/04/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 582.

LD 2211 HP1581

Resolve, to Repeal a Prior Resolve Authorizing the Exchange of a Parcel of Land Owned by the State with One Owned by Luke Bolduc. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative GAGNE of Buckfield. **Public Hearing** 03/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-909. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 03/26/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 98.

LD 2244 HP1617

An Act to Encourage Intergovernmental Cooperation. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Bangor; Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and Representatives: SANBORN of Alton, SPEAR of Nobleboro, TRIPP of Topsham, Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 03/11/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1016, SB S-761. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 785.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont.)

LD 2245 HP1618

An Act Requiring Notification of Option to Request Judicial Review. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Presented by Representative WHEELER of Bridgewater; Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLUKEY of Houlton, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, KNEELAND of Easton, O'NEAL of Limestone, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, KIEFFER of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 03/11/98. House: Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98, Engrossed 03/30/98; Senate: Adhere to Failed Enactment 03/31/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 03/31/98.

LD 2250 HP1620

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Maine Commission on Outstanding Citizens. (Submitted by the Maine Commission on Outstanding Citizens, pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 64.) **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1064, SA/CA S-635. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 76.

LD 2258 HP1630

Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of the Old Hancock County Jail on State Street, Ellsworth from Hancock County to the Ellsworth Historical Society. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth; Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, JONES of Bar Harbor, LAYTON of Cherryfield, PERKINS of Penobscot, PINKHAM of Lamoine, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1020, SA/CA S-606. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/03/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 116.

LD 2270 SP0857

Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Amend the Timing of Elections Following the Submission of a Petition for People's Veto. **Presented by** Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin; Cosponsored by Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: BUMPS of China, CAMERON of Rumford, ETNIER of Harpswell, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TAYLOR of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. House: Adhere to Failed Final Passage 04/02/98; Senate: Finally Passed 04/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/02/98.

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Cont.)

LD 2280 SP0867

An Act Authorizing Certain Debt of Hancock County for Construction of a New Jail and Courthouse Renovations and Ratifying Certain Action Taken by Hancock County in Connection with the Authorization of this Debt. **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth and Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, JONES of Bar Harbor, LAYTON of Cherryfield, PERKINS of Penobscot, PINKHAM of Lamoine, VOLENIK of Brooklin. **Public Hearing** 03/24/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 81.

LD 2282 HP1652

An Act to Establish the Boundary between Harpswell and Brunswick. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative ETNIER of Harpswell; Cosponsored by Representatives: BODWELL of Brunswick, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, PINKHAM of Brunswick, TRIPP of Topsham, Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 03/23/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1062. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 80.

TAXATION

LD 607 SP0189

An Act to Exempt Nonprofit Ambulance and Fire Emergency Services from the State's Sales Tax. **Presented by** Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln; Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: SPEAR of Nobleboro, GREEN of Monmouth, HONEY of Boothbay, PIEH of Bremen, RINES of Wiscasset, SAVAGE of Union. **Public Hearing** 03/21/97. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/06/98. **Amended by:** CB S-476. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/10/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 723.

LD 1748 SP0585

An Act to Modernize Maine's Fuel Tax Laws. (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative DRISCOLL of Calais and Senators: MILLS of Somerset, O'GARA of Cumberland, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: LABRECQUE of Gorham, MORGAN of South Portland, SAVAGE of Union, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA S-537, SA/CA S-765. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 738.

LD 1803 SP0606

An Act to Encourage the Payment of Delinquent Taxes. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec, Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, GAGNE of Buckfield. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. **Final Disposition:** Indefinitely Postponed 04/08/98.

LD 1820 HP1283

An Act to Establish a Penalty on Gains from the Sale or Exchange of Land from Which Timber Has Been Harvested. **Presented by** Representative GREEN of Monmouth; Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and Representatives: BULL of Freeport, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, TOWNSEND of Portland, VOLENIK of Brooklin, Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 05/08/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 1824 SP0621

An Act to Establish a System of Tax Revenue Targeting. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle and Senator BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, DEXTER of Kingfield, GAGNON of Waterville, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, SPEAR of Nobleboro. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. **Final Disposition:** Minority ONTP Accepted 04/02/98.

TAXATION (Cont.)

LD 1853 SP0636

An Act to Exempt from State Income Tax Previously Taxed Contributions to an Individual Retirement Account. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator LIBBY of York; Cosponsored by Representative JOYNER of Hollis and Senators: ABROMSON of Cumberland, AMERO of Cumberland, BENOIT of Franklin, CASSIDY of Washington, HALL of Piscataquis, MacKINNON of York, SMALL of Sagadahoc. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/05/98.

LD 1855 HP1307

An Act Regarding the Taxation of Goods Purchased in Connection with the Operation of a High-stakes Beano or High-Stakes Bingo Game. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of the Penobscot Nation; Cosponsored by Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, DUNLAP of Old Town, GOODWIN of Pembroke, McKEE of Wayne, TRIPP of Topsham, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator CATHCART of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 01/28/98. Conference Committee Report - Unable to Agree 04/01/98. **Final Disposition:** Died in Concurrence 04/01/98.

LD 1908 SP0683

An Act to Conform the Maine Tax Laws for 1997 with the United States Internal Revenue Code. (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/03/98. **Amended by:** CA S-469. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 596.

LD 1909 SP0684

An Act to Ensure That Temporary Structure Property Is Subject to Taxation. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin; Cosponsored by Representative GREEN of Monmouth. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 1923 HP1374

An Act to Improve Employment Tax Increment Financing. (Submitted by the Department of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative VIGUE of Winslow; Cosponsored by Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, SHANNON of Lewiston, Senator MacKINNON of York. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/03/98. **Amended by:** CA H-818. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 766.

LD 1927 SP0692

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Tax Exemptions for Pollution Control Equipment. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

TAXATION (Cont.)

LD 1931 SP0696

An Act to Create Incentives for Employers to Contribute toward the Costs of Comprehensive Health Insurance for Families. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator LONGLEY of Waldo; Cosponsored by Representative WINGLASS of Auburn and Senators: LAWRENCE of York, MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA S-521, SD/CA S-762. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 775.

LD 1933 SP0699

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory. (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative GREEN of Monmouth and Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/02/98. **Amended by:** CA S-467. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 03/13/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 91.

LD 1945 HP1392

An Act to Minimize State Revenue Loss Due to Ineffective Health Coverage. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1959 SP0712

An Act to Expand Eligibility for the Elderly Low Cost Drug Program. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 01/20/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1963 SP0720

An Act to Require the Bureau of Revenue Services to Report on the Incidence of Tax Burdens to Business Sectors of the State's Economy and to Income Classes of Citizens. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/09/98. **Amended by:** CA S-486. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 744.

LD 1980 HP1416

Original Title: An Act to Require a Tax Identification Number for Sales Tax Exemptions on Hay and Animal Bedding. **New Title:** An Act Relating to the Taxation of the Sale of Hay. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative CAMERON of Rumford; Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/09/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-839. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/10/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 725.

TAXATION (Cont.)

LD 2009 SP0731

An Act to Prohibit the Taxing of Retirees' Pensions. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, JOY of Crystal, KASPRZAK of Newport, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2010 SP0732

An Act Regarding the State Valuation of the Town of Orono. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator CATHCART of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative STEVENS of Orono and Representative WINN of Glenburn. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2019 SP0741

An Act to Exempt the Lessee Who Purchases a Vehicle from Further Sales Tax on That Vehicle. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator ABROMSON of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative THOMPSON of Naples and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: DAVIDSON of Brunswick, ETNIER of Harpswell, TRUE of Fryeburg, VIGUE of Winslow, WINGLASS of Auburn. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 2035 HP1444

An Act Regarding the State Valuation of the Town of Ashland. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative DESMOND of Mapleton; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: BELANGER of Wallagrass, BELANGER of Caribou, CLUKEY of Houlton, KNEELAND of Easton, Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/25/98.

LD 2070 SP0769

An Act to Allow a Tax Refund for Used Business Equipment Purchased and Used in Maine. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator PARADIS of Aroostook; Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook, Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

TAXATION (Cont.)

LD 2074 HP1475

Resolve, to Reimburse Cable Companies for Expenditures Made while Participating in the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Tax Program. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative O'NEAL of Limestone; Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, GAGNON of Waterville, KNEELAND of Easton, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. Minority OTP-AM Accepted 04/01/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1043. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/16/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 125.

LD 2077 HP1478

Original Title: An Act to Create an Economic Development and Expansion Zone in Aroostook County. **New Title:** Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Increase Primary and Secondary Forest Product Manufacturing. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BELANGER of Wallagrass; Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and Representatives: JOY of Crystal, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, KNEELAND of Easton, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, VIGUE of Winslow, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, PARADIS of Aroostook. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-917, SB/CA S-763. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/16/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 127.

LD 2087 HP1488

An Act to Clarify the Tax-exempt Status of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative O'NEAL of Limestone; Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, KNEELAND of Easton, LEMKE of Westbrook, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/10/98. **Amended by:** CA H-843, HA H-928. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 772.

LD 2100 SP0773

An Act to Permit a Local Development Commission to Assess a User Fee. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator PINGREE of Knox; Cosponsored by Representative CHARTRAND of Rockland. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 2120 SP0793

An Act Concerning Technical Changes to the Tax Laws. (Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative TRIPP of Topsham. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/30/98. **Amended by:** CA S-629. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 668.

TAXATION (Cont.)

LD 2139 HP1517

An Act to Equalize and Clarify the Tax on Hard Cider. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative GREEN of Monmouth; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, SPEAR of Nobleboro, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator FERGUSON of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/12/98. **Amended by:** CA H-856. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 767.

LD 2158 HP1531

An Act to Create a Maritime Empowerment Zone. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Portland; Cosponsored by Senator AMERO of Cumberland and Representatives: ETNIER of Harpswell, MAYO of Bath, Senators: LAWRENCE of York, PINGREE of Knox. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2171 HP1544

Resolve, to Implement the Interim Recommendations of the Task Force on State and Federal Tax Filing. (Submitted by the Task Force on State and Federal Tax Filing pursuant to Resolve 1997, chapter 66.) **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA H-867, SA/CA S-758. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/16/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 128.

LD 2192 HP1561

An Act to Create a Nonlegislative System to Adjust Municipal Valuations in the Circumstance of Sudden and Severe Valuation Disruption. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative VIGUE of Winslow; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, JABAR of Waterville, MERES of Norridgewock, POULIN of Oakland, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-1019. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 688.

LD 2196 SP0814

An Act to Expand the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program. (Submitted by the Joint Select Committee on Research and Development pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 669) **Public Hearing** 03/04/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA S-528. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 782.

LD 2215 HP1584

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 1998-99. (Submitted by the Department of Audit pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.) **Public Hearing** 03/04/98. OTP Accepted 03/16/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/26/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 70.

TAXATION (Cont.)

LD 2216 HP1585

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Study the Restructuring of the State's Fiscal Policies to Promote the Development of High-technology Industry in Maine. (Submitted by the Commission to Study the Restructuring of the State's Fiscal Policies to Promote the Development of High-technology Industry in Maine pursuant to Public Law 1997, chapter 557, Part C.) **Public Hearing** 03/04/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-911, SA/CA S-738. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 784.

LD 2219 HP1589

An Act to Reduce Income and Property Taxes. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative TRIPP of Topsham; Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and Representatives: CAMERON of Rumford, McELROY of Unity. **Public Hearing** 02/24/98. **Final Disposition:** Died on Adjournment 04/09/98.

LD 2239 HP1613

An Act to Amend the Law Concerning Tax Base Sharing. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, GREEN of Monmouth, MADORE of Augusta, TESSIER of Fairfield, TRIPP of Topsham, VIGUE of Winslow, Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 03/11/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-902. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 663.

LD 2240 HP1614

An Act to Provide for Equitable Taxation of All Financial Institutions. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative TRIPP of Topsham; Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset. **Public Hearing** 03/11/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-899, SA/CA S-740. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/14/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 746.

LD 2243 SP0837

An Act to Encourage Accountability and Return on Investment for Maine Taxpayers from Economic Development Initiatives. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator PINGREE of Knox; Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro and Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, DAGGETT of Kennebec, LAWRENCE of York, RUHLIN of Penobscot, Representatives: GAGNON of Waterville, GREEN of Monmouth, LEMONT of Kittery, TRIPP of Topsham. **Public Hearing** 03/12/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 04/01/98. **Amended by:** CA S-640. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 761.

TAXATION (Cont.)

LD 2263 SP0850

An Act to Allow a Municipality to Request a Joint Check from the Maine Residents Property Tax Program in the Event of Nonpayment of Taxes. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator LIBBY of York; Cosponsored by Representative VEDRAL of Buxton and Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CIANCHETTE of South Portland, JOYNER of Hollis, McALEVEY of Waterboro. **Public Hearing** 03/18/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 03/24/98.

TRANSPORTATION

LD 726 HP0535

An Act to Increase the Bonding Limits of the Maine Turnpike Authority. **Presented by** Representative JOYCE of Biddeford. **Public Hearing** 01/26/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-922. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 646.

LD 757 HP0566

An Act to Create Graduated Licenses. **Presented by** Representative JOYNER of Hollis; Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and Representatives: MURPHY of Kennebunk, NICKERSON of Turner, OTT of York. **Public Hearing** 05/01/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/02/98.

LD 1594 HP1138

Original Title: An Act to Transfer State Ownership of Certain Railroad Rights-of-way, Create the Calais to Eastport Rail Authority and Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,500,000 to Fund Establishment of Freight Rail Service between Calais and Eastport. **New Title:** Resolve, to Create the Commission to Study Establishing a Rail Authority to Develop Rail Service from Calais to Eastport and Brewer. **Presented by** Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke; Cosponsored by Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, DRISCOLL of Calais. **Public Hearing** 04/15/97. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-925, HA/CA H-946. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/01/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 104.

LD 1939 HP1385

An Act to Amend Certain Motor Vehicle Laws. (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative DRISCOLL of Calais. **Public Hearing** 01/21/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-930, SA S-766. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 776.

LD 1947 SP0703

An Act to Improve Traffic Safety. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator RAND of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative TRIPP of Topsham and Representatives: LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MORGAN of South Portland, ROWE of Portland, SAXL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 1979 HP1415

Resolve, Requiring the State to Reimburse Towns for the Construction of Salt and Sand Storage Facilities. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative RINES of Wiscasset; Cosponsored by Representatives: GREEN of Monmouth, HONEY of Boothbay, KASPRZAK of Newport, PIEH of Bremen, SAVAGE of Union, Senators: MILLS of Somerset, NUTTING of Androscoggin, PINGREE of Knox. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Majority ONTP Accepted 02/25/98.

TRANSPORTATION (Cont.)

LD 1981 HP1417

An Act to Amend Road Signs along I-95 and the Maine Turnpike to Indicate the Location of Full-service Gas Stations by Using the Handicap Access Symbol. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative DRISCOLL of Calais; Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and Representatives: BOUFFARD of Lewiston, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CHARTRAND of Rockland, FISHER of Brewer, SAVAGE of Union, WHEELER of Eliot, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senator CASSIDY of Washington. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1982 HP1418

Original Title: An Act to Appropriate Funds to Build a Memorial and to Name a Highway in Burnham in Honor of Medal of Honor Recipient Corporal Clair Goodblood. **New Title:** An Act to Name a Highway in Burnham in Honor of Medal of Honor Recipient Corporal Clair Goodblood. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative McELROY of Unity; Cosponsored by Representatives: BUMPS of China, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, WATSON of Farmingdale. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/24/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-799. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/05/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 62.

LD 1986 HP1422

Original Title: Resolve, to Name the Newly Constructed Route 2 Palmyra Bridge in Memory of Trooper Thomas Merry. **New Title:** Resolve, to Name the Newly Constructed Route 2 Palmyra Bridge in Memory of Trooper Thomas J. Merry. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative STEDMAN of Hartland; Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, CLUKEY of Houlton, JONES of Pittsfield, KASPRZAK of Newport, LINDAHL of Northport, McALEVEY of Waterboro, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP Accepted 02/10/98. **Amended by:** HA (Changed Title) H-785. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 02/25/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 88.

LD 2013 SP0735

An Act to Broaden the Farm Stand Exemption. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator FERGUSON of Oxford; Cosponsored by Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, CASSIDY of Washington, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, NUTTING of Androscoggin, Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, SPEAR of Nobleboro, TUTTLE of Sanford. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA S-515. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/30/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 635.

TRANSPORTATION (Cont.)

LD 2031 SP0753

An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws. (Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator O'GARA of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, JOYCE of Biddeford, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA S-498. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 653.

LD 2037 HP1446

Resolve, Requiring the Department of Transportation to Construct a Full-service Rest Area on Interstate 95 30 Miles North of the Medway Rest Area. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SIROIS of Caribou; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Wallagrass, CLUKEY of Houlton, DESMOND of Mapleton, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, JOY of Crystal, O'NEAL of Limestone, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 2039 HP1448

Resolve, to Name the East Outlet Bridge the Richard Francis Lavigne Bridge. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative JONES of Greenville; Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, STANLEY of Medway. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP Accepted 02/10/98. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 02/27/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 89.

LD 2055 HP1464

An Act Regarding the Delayed Reregistration of Certain Trucks. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative BARTH of Bethel; Cosponsored by Representatives: BELANGER of Wallagrass, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, DEXTER of Kingfield, GOOLEY of Farmington, KNEELAND of Easton, WINSOR of Norway. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 2066 SP0759

Resolve, Concerning Highway Construction in Aroostook County. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator PARADIS of Aroostook; Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle and Senators: KIEFFER of Aroostook, MICHAUD of Penobscot, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Caribou, DESMOND of Mapleton, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/04/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

TRANSPORTATION (Cont.)

LD 2109 SP0782

An Act to Reduce Motor Vehicle Fatalities and Injuries among Young Drivers. (Submitted by the Secretary of State pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator MURRAY of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative JOYNER of Hollis and Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, O'GARA of Cumberland, Representatives: DRISCOLL of Calais, KONTOS of Windham, LINDAHL of Northport, McALEVEY of Waterboro, POVICH of Ellsworth, SAXL of Portland. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/25/98. **Amended by:** CA S-563, HB/CA H-1017. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/13/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 737.

LD 2115 SP0788

An Act to Allow the Department of Transportation to Provide Privately Contracted Ferry Services. (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock; Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/12/98. **Amended by:** CA S-496. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/23/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 612.

LD 2123 HP1501

Resolve, Relating to Commercial Vehicle Fee Reciprocity with New Brunswick. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative DESMOND of Mapleton; Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Wallagrass, BELANGER of Caribou, CLUKEY of Houlton, KNEELAND of Easton, O'NEAL of Limestone, SIROIS of Caribou, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Minority ONTP Accepted 03/27/98.

LD 2144 HP1522

An Act to Make Allocations from Maine Turnpike Authority Funds for the Maine Turnpike Authority for the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 1999. (Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1961, subsection 6.) **Public Hearing** 02/10/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA H-871, HA/CA H-896. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/01/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 77.

LD 2149 HP1527

Original Title: An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group on Motor Vehicle Fines, Enforcement and Reimbursement. **New Title:** An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group on Motor Vehicle Fines, Enforcement and Reimbursement and to Change Certain Provisions of the Tax Relief Funds. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative LEMONT of Kittery; Cosponsored by Representatives: CHICK of Lebanon, JABAR of Waterville, JONES of Greenville, NASS of Acton, SAVAGE of Union, THOMPSON of Naples, WHEELER of Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA H-926, SB/CA (Changed Title) S-759. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/15/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 750.

TRANSPORTATION (Cont.)

LD 2150 HP1528

An Act to Create a Maine Children's Trust Fund Registration Plate. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Representatives: COLWELL of Gardiner, MAILHOT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Augusta, PIEH of Bremen, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senators: LONGLEY of Waldo, AMERO of Cumberland, RAND of Cumberland. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

LD 2164 HP1537

Resolve, to Enhance the Economy and Tourism Industry in Hancock County and Western Washington County by Requiring the Implementation of the Biennial Transportation Improvement Program Regarding Shared Use of the Calais Branch Rail Line. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative POVICH of Ellsworth; Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CAMPBELL of Holden, DRISCOLL of Calais, FISHER of Brewer, GOODWIN of Pembroke. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 2187 SP0809

Original Title: Resolve, Naming the New Bridge in Medway the Harold C. Beathem Bridge. **New Title:** Resolve, to Name the New Bridge on Route 157 in Medway the Harold C. Beathem Bridge. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/12/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) S-495. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 03/24/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 97.

LD 2188 HP1559

Resolve, to Name the Bridge on Route 236 the Jeffrey Curley Bridge. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Presented by Representative WRIGHT of Berwick; Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2193 HP1562

An Act to Allow Tow Trucks on Posted Roads. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro; Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and Representatives: DRISCOLL of Calais, SAVAGE of Union, WHEELER of Eliot. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/02/98.

TRANSPORTATION (Cont.)

LD 2195 SP0813

An Act Concerning Enforcement of Parking Spaces for Persons with Physical Disabilities. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator MURRAY of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, JONES of Greenville. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA S-538, HA/CA H-961. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 673.

LD 2199 HP1566

Original Title: An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999. **New Title:** An Act to Make Supplemental Allocations from the Highway Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operation of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Representative DRISCOLL of Calais; Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, LINDAHL of Northport, SAVAGE of Union, WHEELER of Eliot, WINGLASS of Auburn, Senator CASSIDY of Washington. **Public Hearing** 02/23/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/26/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-1058. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/02/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 674.

LD 2255 HP1627

An Act to Allow a Public Utility Emergency Service Vehicle to Use a Siren and Red Light When Responding to an Emergency. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative USHER of Westbrook; Cosponsored by Senator O'GARA of Cumberland and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, LABRECQUE of Gorham. **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY

LD 224 HP0169

An Act Regarding Charges Assessed against Owners of Sprinkler Systems. **Presented** by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden; Cosponsored by Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, FISHER of Brewer, FOSTER of Gray, GERRY of Auburn, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MACK of Standish, TOBIN of Dexter, Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 01/29/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1732 SP0576

An Act to Provide Choice to Maine's Electricity Customers. **Presented by** Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 04/28/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1788 HP1261

An Act to Require Notice to Telephone Subscribers of the Sale or Transfer of an Interexchange Carrier or a Change in Rates. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative BUNKER of Kossuth Township. **Public Hearing** 04/30/97. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 1906 SP0681

An Act Clarifying the Public Service Corporation Exception. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 01/21/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/09/98. **Amended by:** CA S-450. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 02/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 576.

LD 1912 HP1361

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District to Increase the Bond Authorization. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative JONES of Greenville; Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/19/98. **Amended by:** CA H-793. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/05/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 61.

LD 1925 SP0690

An Act to Make Additional Allocations from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1998. (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 01/21/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-457. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/09/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 586.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY (Cont.)

LD 1926 SP0691

An Act to Provide Additional Time for the Public Utilities Commission to Adopt Certain Rules. (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.)

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 01/21/98. OTP Accepted 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 02/25/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 569.

LD 1935 HP1380

Original Title: An Act to Ensure the Transferability of the Generating Assets of Electric Utilities. **New Title:** An Act Regarding Electric Utilities. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham. **Public Hearing** 01/21/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/23/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-984. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 710.

LD 1937 HP1382

An Act to Restore the Requirement That Certain Expenditures of the Waldoboro Utility District Be Approved by District Vote. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SPEAR of Nobleboro. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP Accepted 02/18/98. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/05/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 60.

LD 1957 SP0709

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Sanford Sewerage District. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator MacKINNON of York. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA S-499. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/31/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 74.

LD 1960 SP0714

An Act to Amend and Clarify Laws Concerning Nuclear Safety. (Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln; Cosponsored by Representative PEAVEY of Woolwich and Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, TREAT of Kennebec. **Public Hearing** 02/25/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA S-578. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 686.

LD 1985 HP1421

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bath Water District. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative MAYO of Bath; Cosponsored by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc and Representatives: PEAVEY of Woolwich, PINKHAM of Brunswick, RINES of Wiscasset. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/19/98. **Amended by:** CA H-794. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/05/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 64.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY (Cont.)

LD 1987 HP1423

An Act to Amend Review Criteria Used by the Public Utilities Commission. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.)

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98.

OTP-AM Accepted 02/25/98. **Amended by:** CA H-803. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/12/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 593.

LD 1989 HP1425

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Houlton Water Company. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.)

Presented by Representative CLUKEY of Houlton; Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/04/98. **Amended by:**

CA H-826. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/23/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 67.

LD 1990 HP1426

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Bingham Water District. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative DEXTER of Kingfield; Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

Public Hearing 02/02/98. OTP-AM Accepted 02/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-791.

Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 03/05/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 63.

LD 2003 HP1439

An Act to Clarify and Enhance Certain Municipal Powers Regarding Solid Waste Disposal. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative SAXL of Bangor; Cosponsored by

Senator MURRAY of Penobscot and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, JONES of Bar Harbor, KONTOS of Windham, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MITCHELL of Penobscot. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/03/98. **Amended by:** CA H-822. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/17/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 602.

LD 2018 SP0740

An Act to Protect Customers of Consumer-owned Utilities. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Senator PINGREE of Knox; Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk and Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, LaFOUNTAIN of York, MICHAUD of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, Representatives: CLUKEY of Houlton, DRISCOLL of Calais, RICHARD of Madison, SIROIS of Caribou. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98.

Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA S-504. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/31/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 638.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY (Cont.)

LD 2025 SP0747

An Act to Reduce Technical Violations of Maine's Laws Regarding the Protection of Underground Utilities. (Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Senator HARRIMAN of Cumberland; Cosponsored by Representative JONES of Greenville and Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/17/98. **Amended by:** CA S-507. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/27/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 631.

LD 2029 SP0751

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Van Buren Light and Power District. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Senator PARADIS of Aroostook; Cosponsored by Representative SIROIS of Caribou and Senator CAREY of Kennebec, Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BELANGER of Wallagrass, CLUKEY of Houlton, DESMOND of Mapleton, O'NEAL of Limestone, SKOGLUND of St. George, WHEELER of Bridgewater. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/04/98. **Amended by:** CA S-470. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/23/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 68.

LD 2043 HP1452

An Act to Preserve Certain Electric Utility Billing Arrangements until Competition is Implemented. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton; Cosponsored by Representatives: SPEAR of Nobleboro, CHARTRAND of Rockland, JONES of Bar Harbor, O'NEAL of Limestone, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senator CLEVELAND of Androscoggin. **Public Hearing** 02/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 02/23/98.

LD 2076 HP1477

Original Title: An Act to Require All Regulated Public Utilities to Report to the Public Utilities Commission the Sale, Lease or Other Transfer of Assets Paid for by Ratepayers. **New Title:** An Act to Require Certain Utilities to Report Transfers of Assets. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative O'NEAL of Limestone; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: BAGLEY of Machias, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, COWGER of Hallowell, GIERINGER of Portland, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, RINES of Wiscasset, WHEELER of Bridgewater, Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. House: Insist on Engrossment 03/27/98; Senate: Adhere to Minority ONTP 04/01/98. **Final Disposition:** Died Between Houses 04/01/98.

LD 2083 HP1484

An Act Relative to the Jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over Nonutility Attachments to a Public Utility Plant. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Representative O'NEAL of Limestone. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/20/98.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY (Cont.)

LD 2093 HP1494

An Act Relating to the Protection of Maine Consumers in the Telecommunications Market. (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.) **Presented by** Representative JONES of Bar Harbor; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, O'BRIEN of Augusta, O'NEAL of Limestone, TAYLOR of Cumberland, VEDRAL of Buxton, Senators: HARRIMAN of Cumberland, LONGLEY of Waldo. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-959. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 702.

LD 2094 HP1495

An Act to Facilitate Local Distribution of Natural Gas. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, COLWELL of Gardiner, SAXL of Bangor. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-908. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 707.

LD 2134 HP1512

Original Title: An Act to Amend the Charter of the Kennebunk Light and Power District. **New Title:** An Act Related to the Service Territory of the Kennebunk Light and Power District. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.) **Presented by** Representative MURPHY of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Senator LaFOUNTAIN of York and Representatives: KONTOS of Windham, TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senator LAWRENCE of York. **Public Hearing** 02/09/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/19/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-921. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/30/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 72.

LD 2160 HP1533

An Act to Encourage Customer Choice and Competitive Rates for Natural Gas. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and Representative TAYLOR of Cumberland, Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, FERGUSON of Oxford. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/11/98.

LD 2175 HP1546

Original Title: An Act to Remove the Debt Limit of the Limerick Water District. **New Title:** An Act Relating to the Debt Limit of the Limerick Water District. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro. **Public Hearing** 02/18/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-872. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 03/31/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 75.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY (Cont.)

LD 2204 SP0818

An Act to Extend the Electric Rate Stabilization Program. (GOVERNOR'S BILL).

Presented by Senator CAREY of Kennebec; Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Belmont, JOY of Crystal, O'NEAL of Limestone, USHER of Westbrook. **Public Hearing** 02/25/98. OTP-AM Accepted 03/16/98. **Amended by:** CA S-505. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Enacted, Signed 04/16/98, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 781.

LD 2208 HP1574

An Act to Encourage the Development of Small Distributed Generation Technologies That Reduce Pollution. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative KONTOS of Windham; Cosponsored by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle. **Public Hearing** 03/02/98. **Final Disposition:** Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310 03/18/98.

LD 2209 HP1575

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 302: Consumer Education Program; Electric Restructuring, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission. (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072, subsection 2.) **No Public Hearing.** OTP-AM Accepted 03/20/98. **Amended by:** CA H-948. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 03/30/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 99.

LD 2214 SP0824

An Act to Repeal the Laws Governing the Jackman Water District and the Jackman Sewer District. (Submitted by the clerks of the Jackman Water District and the Jackman Sewer District pursuant to Private and Special Law 1997, chapter 30.) **Public Hearing** 03/02/98. OTP Accepted 03/09/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/23/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 69.

LD 2220 HP1591

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 301: Rules for Standard Offer Service, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission. (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **No Public Hearing.** OTP-AM Accepted 03/18/98. **Amended by:** CA H-913. **Final Disposition:** Emergency Finally Passed, Signed 03/30/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 100.

LD 2221 HP1592

Original Title: An Act to Dissolve the Ogunquit Sewer District and Establish a Sewerage Department. **New Title:** An Act to Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) **Presented by** Representative WHEELER of Eliot; Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and Representative CARLETON of Wells. **Public Hearing** 03/02/98. Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/24/98. **Amended by:** CA (Changed Title) H-947, HA/CA H-1046. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 04/03/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 78.

UTILITIES AND ENERGY (Cont.)

LD 2237 HP1611

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 820: Requirements for Non-Core Utility Activities and Transactions Between Affiliates, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission. (Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.) **No Public Hearing.** Majority OTP-AM Accepted 03/27/98. **Amended by:** CA H-956, HA H-960, SA/CA S-592. **Final Disposition:** Finally Passed, Signed 04/03/98, RESOLVE LAWS, Chapter 113.

LD 2267 SP0854

An Act to Amend the Charter of Great Northern Paper, Inc.. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). **Presented by** Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot; Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, Representatives: CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, JONES of Bar Harbor, JOY of Crystal, KONTOS of Windham, STANLEY of Medway, USHER of Westbrook. **Public Hearing** 03/16/98. OTP Accepted 03/19/98. **Final Disposition:** Enacted, Signed 03/26/98, P & S LAWS, Chapter 71.

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